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Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, OR 97403

Subject: Freight Mobility and Congestion Relief Projects in the Central Lane MPO Area

Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and Members of the Committee:

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO) is the regional transportation planning organization for the Eugene/Springfield/Coburg metropolitan area in central Lane County – the second largest metropolitan area in Oregon.

The CLMPO Policy Board appreciates the hard work of the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization, and generally looks favorably on the first full draft of the transportation bill (HB 2017-3). The Policy Board noted, however, that Section 119(h)(3)(c) of the draft does not list the CLMPO's priority congestion relief projects. The Delta Highway and Territorial Road projects currently listed in that Section are not congestion-related, and the Territorial Road project lies approximately ten miles outside of the CLMPO boundary.

At the June 1, 2017 meeting of the CLMPO Policy Board, the voting members agreed to prioritize the Beltline Highway Project (River Road to Coburg Road), the I-5/Coburg Interchange Project, and the 42nd Street Interchange Area Improvements in Springfield as the congestion relief priorities for the MPO. Accordingly, we request the following amendment to HB 2017-3:

Revise Section 119h(3)c from: *'For the Central Lane Congestion Relief District, the Delta Highway and Territorial Road Project'* to **'For the Central Lane Congestion Relief District, the Beltline Highway Project (River Road to Coburg Road), the I-5/Coburg Interchange Project, and 42nd Street Interchange Area Improvements.'**

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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