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TO: Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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SUBJECT: Status Report on Executive Order 20-04

INTRODUCTION

The ODOT Climate Office was formed in recognition of the importance of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from transportation sources, and preparing for the impacts that a changing climate is having on Oregon's transportation system.

The mission of the ODOT Climate Office is to identify and pursue actions that reduce transportation GHG emissions and the Agency's carbon footprint. The Office is also charged with helping the Agency understand, prepare, and respond to the impacts of extreme weather and a changing climate.

In support of ODOT's GHG reduction goals the Climate Office will prioritize implementation of the *Statewide Transportation Strategy: A 2050 Vision for Greenhouse Gas Reduction*, and Governor's Executive Order 20-04 on GHG emissions reduction.

DISCUSSION

Executive Order 20-04: This Executive Order (EO) directs several state agencies, including ODOT, to take immediate actions to address climate change. ODOT is required to develop and apply a process for evaluating the GHG emissions impacts from transportation projects as part of its Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Staff will identify ways to apply a GHG lens to specific funding allocation and project selection decisions. ODOT is also required to conduct a statewide transportation electrification infrastructure needs analysis. This study will have particular focus on rural parts of the state, and across use types and vehicle classes. Reports on both of these efforts are due to the Governor's Office by June 30, 2021. In accordance with the EO, ODOT submitted a [May 15, 2020 Report](#) to the Governor's Office outlining how the Agency intends to comply with the directives.

Statewide Transportation Strategy: A 2050 Vision for Greenhouse Gas Reduction:

Executive Order 20-04 also required cross agency collaboration on the Statewide Transportation Strategy (STS) to reduce GHG emissions. ODOT, the Department of Land Conservation and Development, Department of Energy, and Department of Environmental Quality have met over the last several months to prioritize collaborative

actions to reduce GHG emissions. The four agencies have developed a 2-year STS Multi-Agency Implementation Work Plan which identifies commitments and implementation actions. ODOT has led coordination on this effort, which will require collective actions to reduce vehicle miles traveled, achieve cleaner vehicles and fuels, and integrate GHG into decision-making. More information can be found on the multi-agency website: [Every Mile Counts](#).

SUMMARY

The ODOT Climate Office is consolidating these new and ongoing efforts into a comprehensive, strategic approach to help Oregon achieve a cleaner and more resilient transportation future.

For more information: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Programs/Pages/Climate-Office.aspx>

Please feel free to reach out to me with any additional questions.