



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

April 25, 2016

John Ingle
Chairman, Multnomah County Planning Commission
Multnomah County Department of Community Service, Land Use Planning
1600 SE 190th Avenue
Portland, OR 97233-5910

RE: Draft *Multnomah County Transportation System Plan* (TSP)

Dear Chair Ingle:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Draft TSP. Washington County looks forward to working with Multnomah County to provide for regional transportation needs, and specifically to address concerns related to Cornelius Pass Road. Cornelius Pass Road is an important link between central Washington County and Multnomah County, providing access to the regional and statewide transportation system, and between key destinations in both counties. I am requesting Multnomah County keep options open for Cornelius Pass Road in order to serve future travel needs in this corridor, and would like to work with Multnomah County to address safety and other concerns along this route.

The *Portland Region Westside Freight Access and Logistics Analysis* report, completed in October 2013, documented the importance of Cornelius Pass Road to Washington County's economy. Cornelius Pass Road is one of two key routes for freight movement between the Westside Computer and Electronics Cluster (also referred to as the "Silicon Forest") and the Port of Portland. According to the report, Cornelius Pass Road has become the de facto route of choice for freight movement in the afternoon and evening peak hours due to its more consistent travel time reliability compared to the freeway route (US 26/I-405/I-5). The report also identified deficiencies and safety concerns on Cornelius Pass Road related to limited right-of-way and terrain.

The *Washington County Transportation System Plan* classifies Cornelius Pass Road in Washington County as an arterial from the Tualatin Valley Highway to the border between Washington and Multnomah Counties. In addition, Cornelius Pass Road is a designated Truck Route for its entire length in Washington County.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions, or would like further information.

Sincerely,

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