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Ms. Baney,

Oregon House Bill HB 2017, a major transportation bill, recently passed by the Oregon Legislature mandates the Oregon Transportation Commission seeks Federal Highway Administration approval to toll portions of I-5 and I-205, the only two bridge corridors crossing the Columbia River in the Metropolitan Area between S. W. Washington and the Metropolitan Region of Oregon.

The Regional Transportation Council is concerned that this will impose an unfair financial burden on the 70,000 citizens of Clark County who cross the Columbia River to work in Oregon every day. This burden will be in addition to the nearly 10% of their income that is paid to Oregon State Income Tax. Additionally, the tolling revenue collected is not planned to be used for improving either highway performance or improving the bridges for greater capacity.

This Bi-State Area which includes Southwest Washington and the Portland Metropolitan area is governed, in part, by the joint Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). The RTPO is charged with the responsibility of developing cooperation and coordination between the regional partners and for the joint, effective, and *equitable* planning for transportation. That process has not occurred in this matter of imposing tolls.

Please consider alternatives.

Sincerely,

Regional Transportation Council





MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Matt Ransom, Executive Director *MR*  
**DATE:** November 28, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Clark County Transportation Alliance 2018 Policy Statement

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***AT A GLANCE – ACTION***

*The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce the Clark County Transportation Alliance 2018 Policy Statement to the RTC Board.*

**BACKGROUND**

The Clark County Transportation Alliance (CCTA) is an alliance of public and private organizations which was formed as a transportation sub-committee of the volunteer Clark County Governmental Affairs Roundtable. The CCTA Policy Statement (Policy Statement) is a call-to-action statement which advocates for policies and funding which benefit the Clark County region's transportation infrastructure and programs. The CCTA presents a forum for advancing a cohesive regional advocacy on priority transportation investments, and regional advocacy is critical in advancing the region's interests.

The Statement was reviewed by the multi-agency CCTA steering committee on November 20, 2017 and the committee agreed to release the Policy Statement for agency endorsements. The Policy Statement emphasizes a list of priority regional transportation actions which will be collectively advocated for in the 2018 legislation session.

RTC staff have assisted the CCTA in preparation of the 2018 Policy Statement. Staff have also compared the Policy Statement for consistency with the RTC Regional Transportation Plan (2014) priorities. As presented, the Policy Statement is consistent with and would serve to implement the Regional Transportation Plan.

Staff will submit the Policy Statement for formal endorsement at the January 2, 2018 meeting of the Board.

Attachment