

February 10, 2010

Dennis Luke, Chair
Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation
c/o COIC Community and Economic Development
2363 SW Glacier Place
Redmond, OR 97756

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RE: Request for Cascades East Transit membership on COACT

Commissioner Luke,


I would like to request the appointment of Cascades East Transit to COACT as an ex officio member to represent the interests of the public transportation/transit mode.

Over the past several years COIC's Cascades East Transit program has grown into a regionally coordinated transit system, serving all of Central Oregon's communities. A foundation for the establishment and growth of CET has been coordination and collaboration with regional stakeholders and transportation providers. CET and COIC staff engages a variety of public transportation partners in developing this regionally coordinated system, including the County STF committees, transit advocates, client-specific transportation providers, and the ODOT Public Transit Division. Additionally, CET leads the TranSolutions Team – the only regional public transportation coordination committee in Central Oregon.

This broad engagement – at the local, regional and state levels – has provided CET with a comprehensive understanding of public transportation development. CET will contribute to the COACT discussions and deliberations through providing information and expertise on transit issues, challenges and opportunities.

I believe that CET would be a valuable addition to COACT, and I request that you appoint Karen Friend, COIC's Deputy Director and CET program Manager, to this position. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and we look forward to continued engagement in COACT.

Sincerely,


Tom Moore
Executive Director

Cc: Karen Friend, Cascades East Transit
COACT Executive Committee