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**Subject: Metro and TriMet
Division Transit Project
NEPA Documented Categorical Exclusion Confirmation**

Dear Ms. Peterson and Mr. Kelsey:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed the materials Metro and TriMet submitted by e-mail on March 8, 2019, including an FTA Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) worksheet and supporting documentation describing the proposed Division Transit Project (Project) in Portland and Gresham, Oregon. FTA understand that the Project entails an approximately 15-mile bus rapid transit route between downtown Portland and downtown Gresham. The Project route extends from approximately Union Station in downtown Portland along the existing transit mall on 5th and 6th Avenues, crosses the Willamette River on the Tilikum Crossing bridge, runs on SE Division Street from SE 8th Avenue to Roberts Avenue to the Gresham Transit Center, and then on NE 8th Avenue in Gresham to the Cleveland Park-and-Ride Lot. The Project also includes 42 stations, uniquely branded articulated buses and station configurations, pedestrian and bicycle access improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility improvements, transit signal priority and other signal and safety improvements, and a new articulated bus layover facility within the existing Cleveland Park-and-Ride Lot. FTA further understands that as part of the Project, TriMet will implement the mitigation measures outlined in Attachment A to this letter.

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Based on a review of the submitted documentation, FTA has determined that the Project qualifies as a DCE under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 771.118(d). This determination of DCE applies only to the proposed Division Transit Project as described above and in the March 8, 2019 documentation submitted to FTA, and is contingent on TriMet implementing the mitigation measures outlined in Attachment A to this letter. Should the Project scope change or new information on the Project or its potential environmental effect be provided, FTA may require a re-evaluation of the NEPA determination and may withdraw or suspend the DCE or require additional environmental reviews.

This confirmation is not an expressed or implied promise that Federal financial assistance for the Project will be awarded. Please contact Mark Assam at 206-220-4465 or mark.assam@dot.gov if you have any questions.

Thank you for coordinating with FTA.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Attachment A, Metro and TriMet, Division Transit Project, NEPA Documented
Categorical Exclusion Confirmation, Mitigation Measures, March 8, 2019