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To: Public Transportation Advisory Committee
Section 5311 Program Participants
Interested Parties

From: Sharon Peerenboom, Section 5311 Manager

Re: Proposed Section 5311 Allocations for Fiscal Year 2008

To plan for the next year's budget, transportation agencies need to know how much funding will be available early in their process. The Public Transit Division (PTD) is distributing its proposed Section 5311 allocations for Fiscal Year 2008 for review and comment.

Background:

PTD allocates Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 funds to program participants through a formula. Current practice is to hold a modest new starts reserve and allocate the balance available as follows:

Each participant receives a base allocation of \$50,000. The rest of the money is allocated based on three factors:

- 50% of funds allocated based on each participant's service area population relative to the population served by all participants,
- 25% of funds allocated based on each participant's service miles relative to all participants' service miles, and
- 25% of funds allocated based on each participant's number of rides provided relative to the number of rides provided by all participants.

"Caps" and "floors" (i.e., limitations on increases and decreases) from the previous year's allocations were used to help increase stability and funding predictability.

Proposed Allocations:

For FY 2008, PTD proposes allocating 5311 funds with a maximum increase of 15% above the FY 2007 allocation and a maximum decrease of 10% below the FY 2007 allocation.

Allocations by program participant are shown in the attached chart.

Caveats:

The proposed allocations were done before the US Congress approved and published the final budget. Any difference between the estimate used to calculate allocations and the final apportionment will be adjusted when the final apportionment is known.

Next Steps:

If significant issues regarding the proposed allocations are raised during this review, they will be discussed at the next Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting in March and resolved as appropriate. If there is no substantial opposition to the proposal, it will be sent to the Oregon Transportation Commission for final approval in April 2007 as part of the division's business plan.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about the proposed allocations. My telephone number is 503.986.4414. My email address is Sharon.k.peerenboom@odot.state.or.us .

Anyone who has serious concerns about this proposal being implemented should contact me by February 16, 2007 so it can be added to the March PTAC agenda. Please include any relevant information so it can be shared with the committee members and program participants prior to the meeting.

Attachments: Allocations and Key to Allocations