



July 7, 2011

Mayor Jack Hoffman  
City of Lake Oswego  
PO Box 369  
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Mayor Sam Adams  
City of Portland  
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Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Hoffman and Mayor Adams:

The Metro Council appreciates your ongoing efforts to address issues and encourage refinement of the Lake Oswego to Portland Transit (LOPT) Project. The Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) vote of approval is a significant step in the future transit investments in this corridor and your community. The mobility needs of the Highway 43 corridor and the future growth and development in these two cities are important regional concerns that this project will have to address.

Given the significance of LPA approval, Metro supports the requests made by City of Lake Oswego and the City of Portland that any further action on the LPA decision occur after the project team has reported back to both City Councils with the additional information requested. I have directed Metro staff to continue to work with project manager Doug Oblatz to resolve the questions communicated by you and Mayor Adams in your June 16, 2011, letter.

Your leadership, communication and hard work are valuable to the project team, local communities and region as a whole. I thank you and the rest of the Lake Oswego and Portland City Councils for your diligence in helping to create a successful and fiscally responsible project.

Sincerely,

Tom Hughes  
Metro Council President

Cc: Councilor Carlotta Collette, LOPT Steering Committee  
Councilor Barbara Roberts, LOPT Steering Committee  
Neil McFarlane, General Manager, TriMet  
Doug Oblatz, LOPT Project Management Group  
Ellie McPeak, LOPT Citizen Advisory Committee  
Chair Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County  
Chair Charlotte Lehan