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The Honorable Kate Brown
Governor
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

The Honorable Tammy Baney
Chair
Oregon Transportation Commission
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Governor Brown and Chair Baney:

As I enter my twenty-second year at ODOT and my thirteenth as Director of the Oregon Department of Transportation, the time has come for me to move on and identify a new opportunity. Accordingly, I am writing to inform you that I will conclude my tenure as Director of ODOT effective on or about June 30, 2019.

I am proud to have served as the Director of the Department, whose 4,700 employees have dedicated themselves to fostering positive and productive relationships and consistently delivering exceptional service, infrastructure, and innovation to the citizens of our great state. While much has been accomplished during the years I have been at ODOT, there is much left to do. On that subject, I can say with complete confidence that the men and women of ODOT will continue to pursue important initiatives for our citizens and our communities in the years to come.

I am very proud that I have lead our agency as an historic, comprehensive, and innovative multimodal transportation investment package became law in 2017. I also take great satisfaction in having overseen the statewide growth of the Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs). The ACTs have become critical forums for statewide transportation planning and have promoted critical thinking that has shaped policy and prioritized transportation projects throughout Oregon. Finally, in keeping with the pioneering ethic of our great state, ODOT's implementation of the nation's first Road Usage Charge (RUC) was again, historic. The RUC provides a fair and sustainable path to transition from a per gallon charge to a per mile charge to pay to maintain and improve Oregon's transportation infrastructure.

No words can truly express my appreciation for the support of the current and past members of the Oregon Transportation Commission and for your support, Governor Brown, and that of former Governors Kulongoski and Kitzhaber. I will simply say, it has been a great privilege and a high honor to serve the people of Oregon as their Transportation Department Director. I stand ready to assist you in whatever you may need during the transition to a new Director.

Respectfully,

Matthew L. Garrett

Cc: Commissioner Julie Brown
Commissioner Martin Callery
Commissioner Alando Simpson
Commissioner Robert Van Brocklin