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TO: Oregon Transportation Commission

FROM: Matthew Garrett, Director

SUBJECT: City of Molalla Highway Segment Designation

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Adopt a minor amendment to the *Oregon Highway Plan* that designates a Special Transportation Area (STA) on OR 211 in Molalla, Oregon

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Molalla's transportation system plan (TSP), adopted in 2001, recommends designation of an STA for the downtown portion of OR 211. In 2006-07, the City of Molalla developed a *Downtown Molalla-OR 211 Streetscape Plan*. The plan, funded by the Transportation Growth Management Program, considered the transportation network, land use and revitalization concepts for downtown.

Region 1 worked closely with the City to ensure that proposed highway cross-sections comply with ODOT *Highway Design Manual Standards*. The recommend STA cross-section for OR 211 was vetted with the MCTD-freight stakeholders group in 2007; their support was reconfirmed in 2009.

In 2010, the City adopted a new comprehensive plan and development code that incorporates *Molalla Downtown-OR 211 Plan* elements. The City amended its TSP with new OR 211 cross-sections and projects, as well as an enhanced downtown local street standards and network. The planned highway cross-section calls for wider sidewalks, tree wells, bicycle lanes, and 11' travel lanes. The new development code includes provisions to ensure future downtown development will retain its main street character, and now provides for a mix of land uses in the downtown commercial zone.

The City's TSP recommends STA designation for OR 211-Main Street between Hart Avenue and Grange Avenue. The proposed Downtown STA segment is the City's existing Main Street (literally and figuratively), with on-street parking, sidewalks, and commercial buildings with storefront windows set at the sidewalk line. The posted speed is 25 mph. Downtown Molalla and OR 211 meet the traffic and design characteristics of an STA. An STA designation in the *Oregon Highway Plan* for this segment of OR 211 will provide consistency with the existing Molalla Comprehensive Plan.

The OTC packet contains a spread sheet that delineates the limits (by milepoint) of the designated area, a segment map of Molalla and a letter from the City requesting the designation.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGE:**

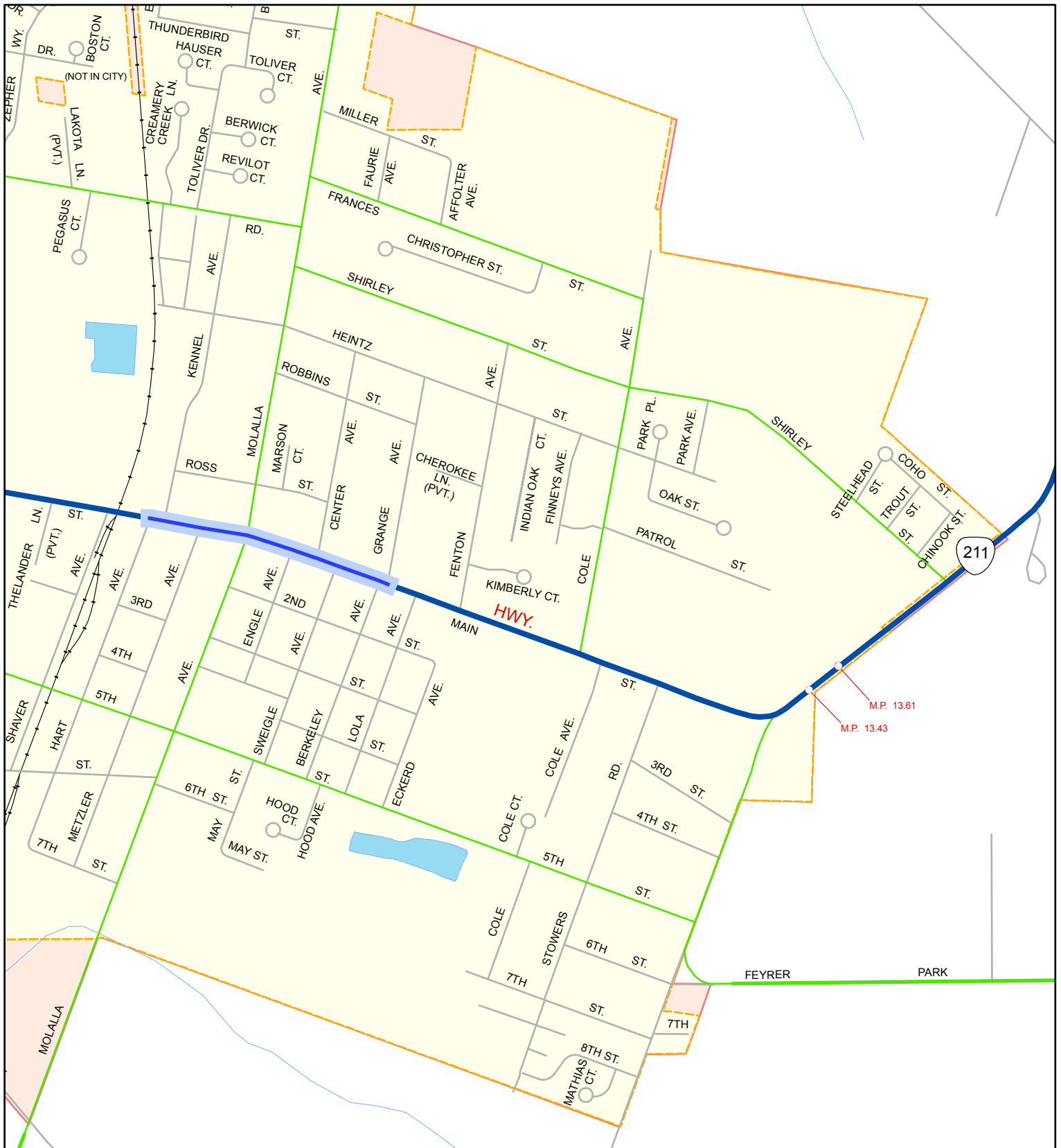
The following highway segment is recommended to be designated as a Special Transportation Area:  
OR 211, Woodburn-Estacada Highway No. 161: MP 12.64 to MP 12.94.

Enclosures:

- A. Spread Sheet / Table of Characteristics of the Designation Area
- B. Segment Map
- C. Letter from Mike Clarke, Mayor of Molalla

# HWY. SEGMENT DESIGNATION

Molalla, Oregon  
Woodburn - Estacada  
Highway



<b>FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION</b>		STATE	<b>STA SEGMENT</b>		 PRODUCED BY ODOT - GIS UNIT (503) 986-3154 - June 2010 GIS No. 23-62	
		OTHER				
		INTERSTATE				
		PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL				
		MINOR ARTERIAL				
		URBAN COLLECTOR/ RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR				
		MINOR COLLECTOR				
	LOCAL ROAD					

# City of Molalla

117 N. Molalla Ave., Molalla, OR 97038



May 25, 2010

Elaine Smith, Planning Manager  
ODOT Region 1  
123 SW Flanders Street  
Portland, OR 97209

*Re: STA Designation for OR 211 in Downtown Molalla*

Dear Ms Smith:

The City of Molalla is recommending that ODOT designate a *Special Transportation Area* for the downtown portion of OR 211/Main Street between Hart Avenue (milepost 12.64) and Grange Avenue (milepost 12.94). *(Please see the attached map.)*

The City's TSP, adopted in 2001, recommends the STA designation. In 2007, with the assistance of a TGM grant and ODOT, Molalla completed a *Downtown Molalla Development/OR 211 Streetscape Plan*. In addition to improving the mix of land uses, the plan includes a strategy to create a denser network of local streets and alleyways, along with street designs for OR 211 and City streets that will enhance walking and bicycling downtown.

In March of this year, the City adopted a new comprehensive plan and new development code, both of which will implement the *Downtown Molalla Development – OR 211 Streetscape Plan*. They will ensure that future development and redevelopment in the expanded downtown will retain the "Main Street" character of the existing downtown core. The City also adopted amendments to the TSP that includes transportation improvement projects for downtown, and new cross sections for OR 211.

The downtown section of OR 211 meets *Special Transportation Area* land use and roadway characteristics. The OR 211 cross section in the TSP is consistent with STA design standards and has been approved by Motor Carrier and the freight stakeholders group.

The City has established an urban renewal district downtown, as well as an economic improvement district. Along with the STA designation, these tools will help implement transportation improvements that support a revitalized and vibrant downtown Molalla. Please let me know if you have questions regarding this recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Clarke".

Mike Clarke, Mayor  
City of Molalla

Cc: Sonya Kazen, ODOT R1

# Milepoint Identification of ODOT Highway Segment Designations

Proposed Designations for the Oregon Transportation Commission

March 2010

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ODOT Region	Location	Route	Highway Name	Rdwy ID	Begin MP	Begin	End MP	End	Mileage	STA, UBA, Com Ctr	OHP Hwy Class	NHS	OTC Approval Date
1	Molalla	OR 211	Woodburn-Estacada Highway	161	12.64	Hart Avenue	12.64	Grange Avenue	12.94	STA	District	No	Proposed

<b>Total Proposed UBA Mileage</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Proposed STA Mileage</b>	<b>0.30</b>
<b>Total Proposed Comm. Center Mileage</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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