

Office of Robert D. Van Brocklin

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Dear Governor Brown:

It has been an immense honor to serve our state as Chair of the Oregon Transportation Commission. I cannot thank you enough for giving me the opportunity to do so.

During my service, the OTC and ODOT have enjoyed great success in implementing the historic 2017 transportation funding package. We also adopted a Strategic Action Plan in 2020 focused on modernizing Oregon's transportation funding system, pursuing multi-modal transportation options to allow all Oregonians to have safe, reliable transportation choices, and making investments to reduce carbon emissions on Oregon's state highways, county roads, and city streets.

We are also working to implement the State's mandate to toll I-205 and I-5 in the Portland metro area to reduce traffic congestion and demand, and to improve our resiliency in the event of a major earthquake. With the State of Washington, we are developing a bi-state plan to improve the Interstate Bridge between Portland and Vancouver. This year we began spending funds from the new federal infrastructure investment act, including on electric vehicle charging to reduce carbon emissions, infrastructure maintenance, ADA compliance, and making strides in the Strategic Action Plan's goals of equity, multi-mobility, and new transportation funding. All of these efforts have been extremely rewarding to work on to help our state move forward.

Having said that, I believe that the newly elected Governor should have the opportunity to choose her own leadership team, including by making appointments to the boards and commissions of the State. Accordingly, I am planning to resign my position as Commission Chair and conclude my service on the OTC by June 1, 2023. Prior to that date, I will provide you and the new Governor with additional information about my plans to ensure a successful transition of the Chair position to my successor before stepping down from the Commission.

With best wishes and deep gratitude,

Robert D. Van Brocklin, OTC Chair