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Tina Kotek, Governor

Oregon Transportation Commission

Office of the Director, MS 11

355 Capitol St NE

Salem, OR 97301-3871

DATE: August 1, 2025

TO: Kristopher W. Strickler

FROM: Tiffani Penson

SUBJECT: I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project Findings

Requested Action: Approve I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project: Findings of Compatibility with Acknowledged Comprehensive Plans per Oregon Administrative Rule 731-015-0075 dated August 1, 2025

Applicable Rules and Regulations:
State Agency Coordination (OAR 731-015-0075)

Background:

As part of the planning process for the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project (“Project”), state law requires the Oregon Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) take steps to ensure that the Project complies with Oregon’s Statewide Planning Goals and Guidelines and that it is compatible with the acknowledged comprehensive plans of the city or county where the Project will be built.

Immediately following FHWA’s issuance of the 2024 FONSI, ODOT adopted its SAC findings pursuant to OAR 731-015-0075. Questions emerged from some constituents during the NEPA process and with the 2024 SAC findings. To create better clarity, ODOT withdrew the 2024 SAC findings on July 3, 2025, and has developed updated findings.

This cover memo accompanies a staff report and the updated 2025 SAC findings.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1- Findings of State Agency Compliance
- Attachment 2-Staff Report

Copies to:


Amanda Peitz, Erik Havig, Stephanie Millar

I-5 Rose Quarter Improvements Project: Findings of Compatibility with Acknowledged Comprehensive Plans per Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 731-015-0075**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Director of the Oregon Department of Transportation approve and sign the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvements Project findings of compatibility.

Signature: 
Erik Havig
Statewide Policy and Planning Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation

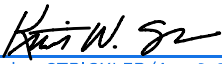
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Signature: 
Tiffani Penson
Urban Mobility Office Director, Oregon Department of Transportation

Date: _____

ODOT Director Action

Upon review of the staff recommendation and supporting documentation, I find that the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project is compatible with Acknowledged Comprehensive Plans per OAR 731-015-0075.

Signature: 
Kris Strickler
Director, Oregon Department of Transportation

Date: _____