**Appendix F**STA Application

Eric Havig, Region 2 Planning and Development Manager ODOT Region 2 455 Airport Road SE Building B Salem, OR 97301-5395

Dear Mr. Havig:

## ALBANY SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION AREA DESIGNATION

The City of Albany is interested in designating a segment of US Highway 20 as a Special Transportation Area (STA) in Albany's downtown core.

Albany is in the process of updating our Transportation System Plan (TSP). The update recommends designating US Highway 20 as an STA through the downtown area. Within Albany's downtown, US 20 consists of a couplet with Lyon Street in the northbound direction and Ellsworth Street in the southbound direction. A map of the proposed STA is attached and extends from the base of the bridges on the south side of the Willamette River to Albany Station, a multi-modal train and bus facility located just south of the US 20/Highway 99E interchange. The TSP envisions pedestrian-oriented development and streetscape design in the downtown and an STA designation will help achieve those goals. The area proposed for the STA designation meets the traffic and design characteristics of an STA and seems suitable for STA designation.

The City of Albany requests the portion of US 20 described above and shown on the attached map be considered for designation as an STA. Please let me know if you need anything additional from us to achieve this designation.

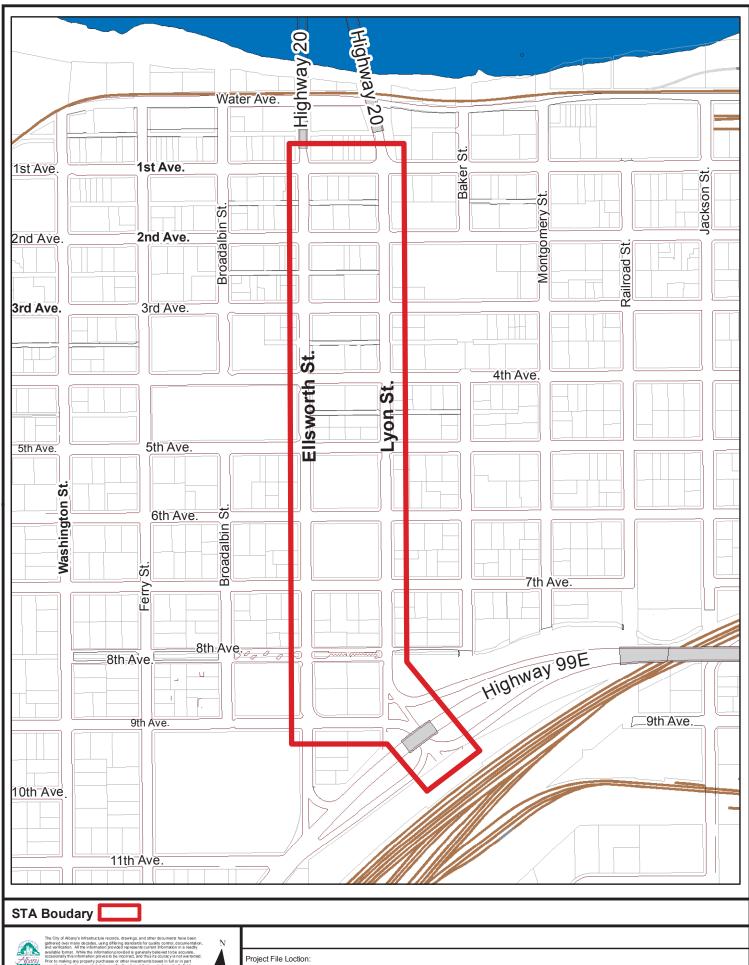
Thank you for your consideration in the matter.

Sincerely,

Wes Hare City Manager

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c: John Detar, Oregon Department of Transporation



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