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**Federal Highway
Administration**

Office of the Administrator

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Teresa Dunham
2100 South River Parkway
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Ms. Dunham,

Congratulations! On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), I am pleased to inform you that the *I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project*, submitted by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), has been selected as a recipient of the FHWA 2024 Environmental Excellence Awards (EEA). Since 1995, the EEAs have recognized leaders across the country who make outstanding contributions to environmental stewardship and partnerships above and beyond traditional transportation project outcomes. These awards aim to recognize and exemplify such leaders and project contributions as a means of knowledge sharing and information exchange among peers. We are excited to have you join this group of outstanding agencies, organizations, and professionals.

This award recognizes ODOT and partners' exemplary achievement in the Community Considerations in Transportation Improvements category. Specifically, we recognize the commitment to community input and regional collaboration. In response to criticism of the original design, the project team listened to the community as they voiced their desire for a single, larger connected space. Input from community advisory committees and youth-centered organizations ensured that the project's design reflects community interests and expectations, including the perspectives of young people. These conversations have led to a project that will improve transportation while meeting the community's vision.

The 2024 EEA recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony on June 5, 2024. A representative from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe Center will reach out to share information about the ceremony and confirm the project partners that should also be recognized for this award.

Congratulations again to you and your partners on the receipt of this award.

Sincerely,

Gloria M. Shepherd
Executive Director