



## CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS

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Subject: Florence Transportation System Plan Update

Dear Ms. Belson,

As Planner for the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians ("the Tribes"), I submit the following comments on the Florence Transportation System Plan Update for consideration by the City of Florence.

1. The Tribes request that the City of Florence consider adding a transit stop at the Three Rivers Casino.

The Tribes are a Special Transportation Fund (STF) agency and also receive funding through the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Public Transit Division, thus could be considered a Transportation Provider. One of the most efficient uses of the Tribes limited funding in the Florence area would be to support the Rhody Express and avoid utilizing ODOT funding on a duplicate transit service. ODOT, the Tribes, the City of Florence and riders would all benefit measurably were the City of Florence and the Tribes able to reach an agreement on this issue.

2. On the government consultation component of your public involvement plan, could you consider whether the Tribes merit consultation as allowed for in 23 USC 135, *Statewide transportation planning*?

The Tribes too are developing a Coordinated Transit Plan and will meet with the City of Florence in the near future in hopes of fostering public agency coordination.

3. Please include the Tribes Tribal Planner in future planning related mailings.

Attention: Tribal Planner  
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Thank you,

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