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SUBJECT: Agenda Item D(a): Implementation of SAFETEA-LU Planning Provisions: Report on Provider Trainings

Background: The Division is hosting several training sessions designed to inform stakeholders about the requirements of the state's STF Plan and the FTA's Public Transit/Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) requirements.

June 2006: The first event was held in Eugene Oregon June 29 and 30. The event was titled: ***Promoting Independence through Accessible Transportation: Creating and Improving Access to Public Transit.*** This event was co-hosted with Mobility International USA (MIUSA), Lane Transit District and the FTA's Office of Civil Rights. The Division's share of the expenses was paid by a FTA United We Ride Coordination Grant, and also assisted to fulfill one of the tasks for the Coordination Grant.

The Oregon participants came to the workshop in teams representing nine communities. The goal was for each team to leave the workshop with a well defined action plan from which to work toward developing their Coordinated Plan. The teams were provided with technical assistance through plenary sessions, complemented by each group having a private space and a facilitator. Technical support staff was also available to answer questions about planning, funding, etc. Each team was asked to complete several tasks that were designed to assist them to develop their area's Coordinated Plan.

The event was made very valuable, and fun, due to the participation of the international participants sponsored by MIUSA. The Oregon groups and the international participants had the opportunity to discuss mobility and disability access issues that are both unique to certain places and common to all people and places. The Oregon participants all stated that the event fulfilled their expectations, and more, and was very helpful toward getting them started. The international participants away understand more about transportation issues in Oregon and USA.

July and August 2006: The Division also scheduled two additional workshops, entitled ***Implementing the Locally Developed, Public Transit-Human Service Coordinated Transportation Plan Requirement***. The workshop purpose is to discuss transportation coordination, the coordinated transit/human service transportation plan requirements and will offer ideas and techniques for developing the required plan. The first workshop was held on July 21, in Salem. There were 28 or more participants, representing 15 STF areas. The workshop will be held a second time August 18, in La Grande.

Additional planning training: Staff is traveling as time allows visiting with STF Agencies and advisory committees to consult about the planning process and requirements.