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## 2015 Government-to-Government Annual Report November 20, 2015

This report identifies activities of the Travel Information Council (dba Oregon Travel Experience or OTE) in accordance with ORS 182.162-182.168, the Relationship of State Agencies with Indian Tribes.

### 1. Policy adopted by agency

The policy statement for OTE's Government-to-Government Relations was established on January 1, 2013 with enactment of Senate Bill 1591 giving OTE managerial authority over certain safety rest areas located on Oregon Highways. (The agency's policy statement is appended to this report). The policy recognizes the responsibilities of the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the protection of cultural resources and establishes the responsibilities of agency staff to uphold those protections and develop relations with the federally recognized tribes located in Oregon.

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### 3. Agency programs that affect tribes

#### 3.1 Safety Rest Areas

OTE manages 29 safety rest area locations on Oregon highways. As there is possibility that cultural resources could be uncovered during a ground-disturbing activity, the agency consults with LCIS and SHPO, and contracts with a professional archaeologist to ensure protection of cultural resources before any planned construction activity.

OTE manages safety rest areas in the following locations:

- French Prairie rest areas, I-5 south of Wilsonville
- Santiam River rest areas, I-5 south of Salem
- Oak Grove rest areas, I-5 west of Junction City
- Gettings Creek rest areas, I-5 north of Cottage Grove
- Cabin Creek rest areas, I-5 north of Sutherlin
- Manzanita rest areas, I-5 north of Grants Pass
- Suncrest rest area, I-5 North of Ashland
- Memaloose rest areas, I-84 west of the Dalles
- Boardman rest areas, I-84 west of Boardman
- Stanfield rest areas, I-84 west of Stanfield
- Deadman's Pass rest areas, I-84 east of Cabbage Hill
- Charles Reynolds rest areas, I-84 east of La Grande
- Baker Valley rest areas, I-84 west of Baker city
- Weatherby res area, I-84 east of Baker City
- Ontario rest area, I-84 in Ontario
- Tillamook River rest area, US 101 south of Tillamook
- Government Camp rest area, US 26 on Mount Hood

OTE bases its rest area management on the needs of visiting motorists and collaborates with communities, industry partners and regional business to provide the best traveling experience possible. Rest area information centers provide visitors with travel displays and brochures about area hotels, restaurants, golf courses, museums and other attractions. The rest area "Free Coffee" program is a service sponsored by local non-profit organizations in the interest of public safety.

### 3.2 Highway Business Signs

OTE serves travelers and business interests through its business logo and guide signs program. Known for their iconic blue sign backgrounds, logo signs guide motorist to local services offering gas, food, lodging, camping and area attractions. On conventional highways, the agency also provides blue signs to tourist-oriented businesses and brown signs to museums and historic sites.

### 3.3 Historical Marker Program

OTE administers the Oregon Historical Marker program that restores and maintains the state's oldest wooden markers while creating a new generation of markers to tell Oregon's stories and reflect the changing perspective of the state's history. Newer historical markers include "Coos People," and "Homeland of the Burns Paiute." New additions to this program are the collaborative "Regional Markers" that team up two or more organizations to tell the story of a larger area and honor the people who have lived there.

4. Area of work and communication with tribes

Pendleton Historical Marker

The Pendleton Chamber of Commerce leadership class of 2015 adopted the Pendleton Historical Marker as their class project. The Oregon Historical Marker Committee had already identified this marker as a priority for text revision. The committee worked closely with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation on the revised text. The marker was dedicated on August 6, 2015. We were honored to have Bobbie Connor, Executive Director of the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, speak at the dedication event.

5. Training and employee awareness

5.1 Heather Wyland represented the agency at the Legislative Commission on Indian Services meeting at the Capitol on February 18, 2015. Annie von Domitz and Heather Wyland also represented the agency at the Tribal Governments Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 19, 2015.

5.2 All OTE rest area staff received in-house training through an overview of agency policies and procedures concerning archaeological and cultural resources issues and operational procedures governing emergencies or inadvertent discoveries. Each rest area supervisor also received additional training regarding protocols and procedures specific to their rest area.