

Appendix 4
Metro Memorandum Regarding Travel Demand Model



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Administrative Interpretation of 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, No 2012-2

Guidance for Transportation System Plans and Corridor plans about regional population and employment forecasts recommended for use in planning efforts in 2012

Regional Transportation Functional Plan – 3.08.210B (1)

If the timing works for the local planning project, Metro staff recommends waiting to use the “Gamma” forecast scheduled for adoption by the end of 2012. If a jurisdiction needs to begin modeling before then, Metro staff recommends using the interim “2035 beta” forecast. Though it has not been regionally adopted, staff believes that it is more realistic than the forecast used in the 2035 RTP. Sometimes referred to as “Gen 2.3” – the RTP forecast is over 5 years old and its assumptions don’t capture the impacts of the Great Recession and recent Urban Reserves decisions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Williams'.

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