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November 5, 2015

In Reply Refer To:
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Mr. Jeffrey South
Interim Director of Planning and Programming
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

Subject: Transportation Improvement Program Amendments
East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Dear Mr. South:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approves the amendments to the FY 2016-2019 East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) Transportation Improvement Program, and the FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as submitted with your letter dated November 3, 2015.

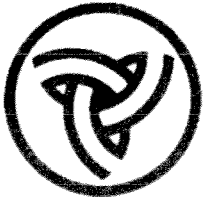
Based on the FHWA Illinois Division's ongoing Federal oversight of the planning activities at the EWGCOG Metropolitan Planning Organization, we find that the transportation planning process of this region substantially meets the planning requirements described in 23 CFR 450. We can now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Tracy
Transportation Planning Specialist

Enclosure

ecc: Ms. Karen Shoup, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT
Mr. Curtis Jones, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT
Mr. Tom Kelso, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT
Mr. Jason Lange, East-West Gateway Council of Governments



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November 3, 2015

Ms. Catherine A. Batey
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Attention: Betsy Tracy

Dear Ms. Batey:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.326 is a copy of amendments to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for the East-West Gateway Council of Governments. The Board of Directors of the MPO approved this TIP amendment on October 28, 2015.

The Metro-East region has committed itself to the integration of transportation and air quality planning. To this end, the MPO has developed procedures for incorporating air quality objectives into the transportation planning process. The TIP amendments, being transmitted by this letter, are in accordance with USDOT metropolitan regulations and USEPA transportation conformity regulations. The MPO has determined that the TIP amendments are in conformance with the State Implementation Program. The changes resulting from these amendments have no effect on the emissions estimates made for the region's conformity determination.

We consider the estimate of costs included in the Transportation Improvement Program to be realistic. We concur with the fiscal consistency analysis included in the TIP. The total cost of the TIP remains consistent with the amount of funds expected to be available to this area during the TIP time period. The Department, on behalf of the Governor of Illinois, concurs with the projects listed in this TIP.

The State of Illinois would also like to amend its FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate this amendment to the East-West Gateway Council of Governments 2016-2019 TIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Shoup'.

Karen Shoup
Bureau Chief, Urban Program Planning

Attachment



EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

October 30, 2015

Mr. Tom Kelso
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

RE: FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications

Dear Mr. Kelso:

At its October 28, 2015 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors modified the Council's FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Board approved one new project and the modification of one project by splitting it into three.

The enclosed memo and project summary details the approved modification. At your request, minutes confirming the actions will be forwarded to your office.

We request that the State Transportation Improvement Program be adjusted to reflect this changes so that the project can proceed toward implementation. If you have any questions concerning the modification, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Larry Grither
Division Manager

cc: Alex Pellock, IDOT
Curtis Jones, IDOT

Enclosures

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Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

To: Board of Directors

From: Staff

Subject: Modification of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *Connected2045*, and the Related Air Quality Conformity Determination – Requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation

Date: October 13, 2015

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is requesting to revise the FY 2016-2019 TIP, *Connected2045*, and related Air Quality Conformity Determination to add one new project and modify one project by splitting it into three.

IDOT is requesting to add one project funded through their Rural Sign Upgrade Program. This program is intended to upgrade existing signs in rural areas to current standards or install new warning or regulatory signs. Projects are selected through a statewide solicitation for projects. This project was originally programmed last April, but was unable to begin by the end of the fiscal year. IDOT is requesting it be added to the current TIP so that it can begin construction. The new projects are summarized below:

New Projects					
TIP#/ Sponsor	Project Title - Limits	Description	County	Federal Cost	Total Cost
6567B-15/ Monroe County	Rural sign upgrades – at various locations	Upgrade rural signage	Monroe	\$27,000	\$30,000
TOTAL				\$27,000	\$30,000

Modified Projects

IDOT is requesting to modify one project by splitting it into three. The Installation of Traffic Signal Indications project was originally programmed for installation right/left arrows at various intersections in Madison and St. Clair Counties at a cost of \$1,967,000. As the scope of this project has become more refined, IDOT would like to split the work into three projects and add Monroe County as well. The overall cost of the three projects combined remains at \$1,967,000. The modified projects are listed on the next page:

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Modified Projects				
TIP#/ Sponsor/ County	Project Title	Description	Current Cost/ Revised Cost	Reason for Change
5037Y-15/ IDOT/ Multi-County	Installation of traffic signal indications– at 38 locations in Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Cos.	Install right/left arrows	\$1,967,000/ \$705,000	Added Monroe County and now identifies 38 locations. Remaining funding split into two other projects listed below.
5037YY-16/ IDOT/ Multi-County	Installation of traffic signal indications– at 28 locations in Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Cos.	Install right/left arrows	\$0/ \$550,000	Project split from above project. 28 intersections identified.
5037Z-16/ IDOT/ Madison	Installation of traffic signal indications– at 57 locations in Madison County	Install right/left arrows	\$0/ \$712,000	Project split from above project. 57 intersections identified.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the FY 2016-2019 TIP, *Connected2045*, and related Air Quality Conformity Determination be revised to add one new project and modify one project by splitting it into three, as summarized above and detailed in the attachment. These projects are exempt with respect to air quality in accordance with federal regulations (40 CFR § 93.126).

October 13, 2015

Amendment # 1015-005
TIP # 6567B-15
Sponsor # 14-00080-00-SG

PROJECT SPONSOR: Monroe County

ACTION REQUESTED: Revise FY 2016 of the FY 2016-2019 TIP to add a project

TITLE: Monroe County Rural Sign Upgrade

LIMITS: Various locations within Monroe County

DESCRIPTION: Upgrade rural signage

COUNTY: Monroe

FUNDING SOURCE: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

	Federal	Match	Total
PE	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0
Implementation	\$27,000	\$3,000	\$30,000
Total	\$27,000	\$3,000	\$30,000

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: Exempt – Highway Safety Improvement Program implementation (§ 93.126)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

FISCAL YEARS 2016-2019
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 OCTOBER 2015 - PROJECT LISTING - IL

COUNTY: MADISON

ID	ORGANIZATION NAME/PROJECT TITLE/DESC	FUNDING CAT	IMPROVEMENTS		2016-2019 TOTAL	2016	2017	2018	2019
5037Z-16	INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL INDICATIONS AT 57 INTERSECTIONS IN MADISON MONROE & ST CLAIR COS INSTALL RIGHT/LEFT ARROWS	HSIP	Traffic Signals	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	LENGTH (mi): 0		Federal:	ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt-93.126		State:	IMPL	\$712,000	\$712,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	PROJ PURPOSE: Safety		Local:	TOTAL	\$712,000	\$712,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
				ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$712,000					

FISCAL YEARS 2016-2019
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 OCTOBER 2015 - PROJECT LISTING - IL

COUNTY: MONROE

ID	ORGANIZATION NAME/PROJECT TITLE/DESC	FUNDING CAT	IMPROVEMENTS		2016-2019 TOTAL	2016	2017	2018	2019
6567B-15	MONROE COUNTY - 14-00080-00-SG MONROE COUNTY RURAL SIGN UPGRADE VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN MONROE COUNTY UPGRADE RURAL SIGNAGE	HSIP	Signing	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				IMPL	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	LENGTH (mi): 0		Federal: \$27,000	TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt - 93.126		State: \$0						
	PROJ PURPOSE: Safety		Local: \$3,000	ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$30,000				

FISCAL YEARS 2016-2019
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 OCTOBER 2015 - PROJECT LISTING - IL

COUNTY: MULTI-COUNTY-I

ID	ORGANIZATION NAME/PROJECT TITLE/DESC	FUNDING CAT	IMPROVEMENTS		2016-2019 TOTAL	2016	2017	2018	2019
5037YY-16		HSIP	Traffic Signals	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL INDICATIONS			ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	AT 28 INTERSECTIONS IN MADISON MONROE & ST CLAIR COS			IMPL	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	INSTALL RIGHT/LEFT ARROWS								
	LENGTH (mi): 0		Federal:	\$494,916	TOTAL	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$0	\$0
	AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt-93.126		State:	\$55,084					
	PROJ PURPOSE: Safety		Local:	\$0					
					ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$550,000				
5037Y-15	IDOT - C-98-029-15	HSIP	Traffic Signals	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL INDICATIONS			ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	AT 38 INTERSECTIONS IN MADISON MONROE & ST CLAIR COS			IMPL	\$705,000	\$705,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	INSTALL RIGHT/LEFT ARROWS								
	LENGTH (mi): 0		Federal:	\$634,393	TOTAL	\$705,000	\$705,000	\$0	\$0
	AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt - 93.126		State:	\$70,607					
	PROJ PURPOSE: Safety		Local:	\$0					
					ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$705,000				