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Mr. Roger Driskell
Office of Planning and Programming
Illinois Department of Transportation
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Subject: Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Dear Mr. Driskell:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approves the amendment 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 March 7, 2016.

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: Mr. Bruce Carmitchel, Bureau of Planning, IDOT
Mr. Tom Kelso, Bureau of Planning, IDOT
Mr. Jerry Blair, East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Mr. Jason Lange, East-West Gateway Council of Governments



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March 7, 2016

Ms. Marisol Simon
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
200 West Adams Street
Room 320
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Attention: Timothy Steinitz

Dear Ms. Simon:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.326 are copies of amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (FY16-19) for the East-West Gateway Council for Governments (Metro-East St. Louis). The Policy committee of the MPO approved these amendments on March 2, 2016.

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 TIPs time period. The Department, on behalf of the Governor of Illinois, concurs with the projects listed in these TIP.

The State of Illinois would also like to amend its FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate these amendments as described in the attached spread sheet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Carmitchel".

Bruce Carmitchel
Bureau Chief Planning

Attachment



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March 7, 2016

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 an amendment 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 March 7, 2016.

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.

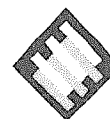
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The State of Illinois would also like to amend its FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate this amendment to the East-West Gateway Council of Governments 2016-2019 TIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Carmitchel".

Bruce Carmitchel
Bureau Chief Planning



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March 2, 2016

Mr. Tom Kelso

Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
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RE: FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications

Dear Mr. Kelso:

At its March 2, 2016 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 two new projects and the modification of three projects.

The enclosed memo and project summary detail the approved modifications. 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 these changes so that the projects can proceed toward implementation. If you have any questions concerning the modifications, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Larry Grither
Division Manager

cc: Gwen Lagemann, IDOT
Joe Gray, IDOT
Curtis Jones, IDOT
Erin Werner, MCTD

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**EAST-WEST GATEWAY
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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 and Madison County Transit District

Date: February 9, 2016

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Madison County Transit District are requesting to revise the FY 2016-2019 TIP, *Connected2045*, and related Air Quality Conformity Determination to add two new projects and modify three projects.

New Project

Recreational Trails Program

IDOT recently announced the selection of projects funded through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The purpose of this program is to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses. Projects are selected through a statewide solicitation for projects.

IDOT selected a project at the Wightman Nature Preserve in Monroe County. This project is sponsored by Clifftop NFP. This project scope includes a one mile limestone trail, 30 car parking area, pavilion, restrooms, interpretive signs, and landscaping. Total cost for this project is \$230,847.

Madison County Transit District

Madison County Transit District is requesting to add a project to replace 42 light/medium duty transit buses at a cost of \$7,377,000. The funding for this project is coming from previously unallocated Section 5307 funds. Transit agencies receive Section 5307 funding for projects such as replacement of buses that have reached the end of their service life as well as vehicle maintenance and other improvements to transit facilities.

The new projects are summarized on the next page:

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New Projects					
TIP#/ Sponsor	Project Title - Limits	Description	County	Federal Cost	Total Cost
6666-16/ Clifftop NFP	Wightman Nature Preserve	Develop a one mile long limestone trail, 30 car parking area, pavilion, restroom, interpretive signs, and landscaping	Monroe	\$184,677	\$230,847
6667-16/ Madison County Transit District	Light/Medium Duty Transit Buses	Replace 42 buses (30')	Madison	\$5,901,600	\$7,377,000
TOTAL				\$6,086,277	\$7,607,847

Modified Project

Madison County Transit District is requesting to modify three projects currently programmed in the TIP.

The modified projects are summarized below:

Modified Project				
TIP#/ Sponsor/ County	Title	Description	Current Cost/ Revised Cost	Reason for Change
4531A-09/ Madison County Transit District/ Madison	Preventive Maintenance	Vehicle maintenance	\$400,000/ \$1,630,000	Cost to pay for maintenance higher than anticipated. Paid for with unallocated Section 5307 funds

Modified Project				
TIP#/ Sponsor/ County	Title	Description	Current Cost/ Revised Cost	Reason for Change
5551-14/ Madison County Transit District/ Madison	Transit Support Vehicles	Relief vehicles and supervisory vehicles	\$400,000/ \$814,000	Increased cost paid for with unallocated Section 5307 funds.
4095-05/ Madison County Transit District/ Madison	Troy Park and Ride Lot	Accessibility upgrades	\$2,750,000/ \$3,182,000	Increased cost paid for with unallocated Section 5307 funds.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the FY 2016-2019 TIP, *Connected2045*, and related Air Quality Conformity Determination be revised to add two new projects and modify three projects, 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)

February 9, 2016

Amendment # 0216-024
TIP # 6666-16
Sponsor # C-30-011-16

PROJECT SPONSOR: Clifftop NFP

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

TITLE: Wightman Nature Preserve

LIMITS: N/A

DESCRIPTION: Develop a one mile long limestone trail, 30 car parking area, pavilion, restroom, interpretive signs, and landscaping

COUNTY: Monroe

FUNDING SOURCE: Recreational Trail Program (RTP)

	Federal	Match	Total
PE	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0
Implementation	\$184,677	\$46,170	\$230,847
Total	\$184,677	\$46,170	\$230,847

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: Exempt – Transportation enhancement activities (§ 93.126)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

February 9, 2016

Amendment # 0216-025
TIP # 6667-16

PROJECT SPONSOR: Madison County Transit District

ACTION REQUESTED: Revise FY 2016, 2018, & 2019 of the FY 2016-2019 TIP to add a project

TITLE: Light/Medium Duty Buses

LIMITS: N/A

DESCRIPTION: Replace 42 buses (30')

COUNTY: Madison

FUNDING SOURCE: Section 5307 Program (S5307)

	Federal	Match	Total
PE	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0
Implementation	\$5,901,600	\$1,475,400	\$7,377,000
Total	\$5,901,600	\$1,475,400	\$7,377,000

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: Exempt – Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet (§ 93.126)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

FISCAL YEARS 2016-2019
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 FEBRUARY 2016 - PROJECT LISTING - IL

COUNTY: MADISON

ID	ORGANIZATION NAME/PROJECT TITLE/DESC	FUNDING CAT	IMPROVEMENTS		2016-2019 TOTAL	2016	2017	2018	2019
6667-16	MADISON COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT LIGHT/MEDIUM DUTY BUSES REPLACE 42 BUSES (30')	S5307	Transit Capital Imps.	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				IMPL	\$7,377,000	\$2,302,000	\$0	\$2,537,500	\$2,537,500
				TOTAL	\$7,377,000	\$2,302,000	\$0	\$2,537,500	\$2,537,500
				ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7,377,000					
	LENGTH (mi): 0		Federal: \$5,901,600						
	AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt - 93.126		State: \$0						
	PROJ PURPOSE: Preservation		Local: \$1,475,400						
4531A-09	MADISON COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	S5307	Transit Improvements	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				IMPL	\$1,630,000	\$800,000	\$430,000	\$100,000	\$300,000
				TOTAL	\$1,630,000	\$800,000	\$430,000	\$100,000	\$300,000
				ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$1,630,000					
	LENGTH (mi): 0		Federal: \$1,304,000						
	AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt - 93.126		State: \$0						
	PROJ PURPOSE: Preservation		Local: \$326,000						
5551-14	MADISON COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT TRANSIT SUPPORT VEHICLES RELIEF VEHICLES AND SUPERVISORY VEHICLES	S5307	Transit Capital Imps.	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				IMPL	\$814,000	\$120,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$604,000
				TOTAL	\$814,000	\$120,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$604,000
				ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$814,000					
	LENGTH (mi): 0		Federal: \$651,200						
	AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt - 93.126		State: \$0						
	PROJ PURPOSE: Preservation		Local: \$162,800						
4095-05	MADISON COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT TROY PARK-RIDE LOT ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES	S5307	Park & Ride Lots	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				IMPL	\$3,182,000	\$1,050,000	\$2,132,000	\$0	\$0
				TOTAL	\$3,182,000	\$1,050,000	\$2,132,000	\$0	\$0
				ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$3,182,000					
	LENGTH (mi): 0		Federal: \$2,545,600						
	AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt - 93.126		State: \$0						
	PROJ PURPOSE: Congestion		Local: \$636,400						

FISCAL YEARS 2016-2019
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 FEBRUARY 2016 - PROJECT LISTING - IL

COUNTY: MONROE

ID	ORGANIZATION NAME/PROJECT TITLE/DESC	FUNDING CAT	IMPROVEMENTS		2016-2019 TOTAL	2016	2017	2018	2019
6666-16	CLIFFTOP NFP - C-30-011-16 WIGHTMAN NATURE PRESERVE DEVELOP A ONE MILE LONG LIMESTONE TRL, 30 CAR PARKING AREA, PAVILION, RESTRM, SIGNS, LANDSCAPING LENGTH (mi): 0 AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt - 93.126 PROJ PURPOSE: Sustainable Development	RTP	Miscellaneous Pedestrian Facility Landscaping	PE ROW IMPL	\$0 \$0 \$230,847	\$0 \$0 \$230,847	\$0 \$0 \$0	\$0 \$0 \$0	\$0 \$0 \$0
			Federal: \$184,677 State: \$0 Local: \$46,170	TOTAL	\$230,847	\$230,847	\$0	\$0	\$0
				ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$230,847					