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In Reply Refer To:
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Mr. Roger Driskell
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. Driskell:

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 April 29, 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, Program Planning, IDOT
Mr. Curtis Jones, Program Planning, IDOT
Mr. Tom Kelso, Program Planning, IDOT
Mr. Jason Lange, East-West Gateway Council of Governments



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April 27, 2016

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 April 27, 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.

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

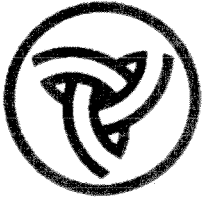
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April 29, 2016

Ms. Catherine A. Batey
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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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 April 27, 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.

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 cursive script that reads "Bruce Carmitchel".

Bruce Carmitchel
Bureau Chief Planning



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Memo 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: April 13, 2016

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is requesting to revise the FY 2016-2019 TIP, *Connected2045*, and related Air Quality Conformity Determination to add two new projects.

The first project is for railroad crossing improvements to the north of the intersection of IL 3 at Adams Street in Brooklyn at a cost of \$381,000. The second is for safety improvements to traffic signals at various intersections by replacing signal back plates with reflective material. The total cost for this project is \$1,050,000.

The new projects are summarized below:

New Projects					
TIP#/ Sponsor	Project Title - Limits	Description	County	Federal Cost	Total Cost
6670B-16/ IDOT	IL 3 – North of Adams Street in Brooklyn	Railroad Crossing Improvements	St. Clair	\$343,000	\$381,000
5037CC-16/ IDOT	Signal Back Plate Replacement	Safety Improvements	Multi-County	\$945,000	\$1,050,000
TOTAL				\$1,288,000	\$1,431,000

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

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April 13, 2016

Amendment # 0416-029
TIP # 6670B-16

PROJECT SPONSOR: IDOT

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

TITLE: IL Route 3

LIMITS: North of Adams Street in Brooklyn

DESCRIPTION: Railroad Crossing Improvements

COUNTY: St. Clair

FUNDING SOURCE: Elimination of hazards at Railroad/Highway Crossing (RRXNG)

	Federal	Match	Total
PE	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0
Implementation	\$343,000	\$38,000	\$381,000
Total	\$343,000	\$38,000	\$381,000

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: Exempt – Railroad/highway crossing (§ 93.126)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

April 13, 2016

Amendment # 0416-030
TIP # 5037CC-16

PROJECT SPONSOR: IDOT

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

TITLE: Various Signal Back Plate Replacement

LIMITS: N/A

DESCRIPTION: Safety Improvements

COUNTY: Multi-County

FUNDING SOURCE: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

	Federal	Match	Total
PE	\$0	\$0	\$0
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0
Implementation	\$945,000	\$105,000	\$1,050,000
Total	\$945,000	\$105,000	\$1,050,000

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

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

COUNTY: MULTI-COUNTY-I

ID	ORGANIZATION NAME/PROJECT TITLE/DESC	FUNDING CAT	IMPROVEMENTS		2016-2019 TOTAL	2016	2017	2018	2019
5037CC-16	IDOT VARIOUS SIGNAL BACK PLATE REPLACEMENT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS	HSIP	Traffic Signals	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
				IMPL	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	LENGTH (mi): 0		Federal:	\$945,000	TOTAL	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$0	\$0
	AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt - 93.126		State:	\$105,000					
	PROJ PURPOSE: Safety		Local:	\$0					
					ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$1,050,000				

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

COUNTY: ST. CLAIR

ID	ORGANIZATION NAME/PROJECT TITLE/DESC	FUNDING CAT	IMPROVEMENTS		2016-2019 TOTAL	2016	2017	2018	2019
6670B-16	IDOT	RRXNG	Miscellaneous	PE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	IL 3			ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	NORTH OF ADAMS ST IN BROOKLYN			IMPL	\$381,000	\$381,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	RAILROAD CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS								
	LENGTH (mi): 0.1		Federal:	\$343,000	TOTAL	\$381,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	AIR QUALITY STAT: Exempt - 93.126		State:	\$38,000					
	PROJ PURPOSE: Safety		Local:	\$0	ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$381,000			