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September 30, 2013

Mr. Dave Nichols, Director
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RE: FTA/FHWA Approval of Amendment to the Missouri
FY 2014-2018 State Transportation Improvement Program
(STIP) for the East West Gateway Council of Governments
(EWGCOG) FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Nichols:

As requested in your letter dated September 5, 2013, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the requested amendment to the FY 2014-2018 Missouri State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis metropolitan planning area. The EWGCOG Board of Directors approved the TIP on July 31, 2013. The Missouri Governor approved the STIP amendment for the TIP update on September 3, 2013. This TIP includes transit, street, highway, enhancement, and aviation projects.

The FHWA and the FTA concur in the EWGCOG July 31, 2013 Air Quality Conformity Determination. This determination concluded that the projects and programs included in the St. Louis Region's FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program, and related amendments to the Legacy 2040, Regional Transportation Plan, meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and tests for eight-hour ozone standard and PM_{2.5} standard and are in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and related Federal regulations.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218(b) and 450.328(a) and (b), we have determined that this STIP amendment is based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304 and 23 CFR 450 Subparts A, B, and C. Based on our review, this STIP amendment request is approved.

The FY 2014-2017 TIP includes the EWGCOG and MoDOT's Self Certification of the St. Louis metropolitan areas' transportation planning process as required under 23 CFR 450.334. Based on our 2013 Federal Certification Review and 2012 ONE DOT/EPA Baseline Assessment Review of the regional air quality analysis and conformity determination process, our planning work product reviews and monitoring activities throughout the year, we concur that the St. Louis metropolitan planning area's transportation planning process meets all applicable Federal requirements outlined in the executed annual self-certification statement.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brad McMahon at FHWA (573) 638-2609 or Mark Bechtel at FTA (816) 329-3937.

Sincerely,



Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration



For: Kevin W. Ward, P.E.
Division Administrator
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cc: Betsy Tracy, FHWA Illinois Division
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September 5, 2013

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Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad
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Dear Messrs. Ward and Ahmad:

SUBJECT: St. Louis Metropolitan Area
FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program
East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG)
Approval to Incorporate into FY 2014-2018 STIP
Approval of Self-Certification
Approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination

As required by the 2012 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), Governor Nixon has approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis urbanized area. The TIP covers transit, street, highway and enhancement projects for FY 2014-2017 from transit operators, local governments and various agencies.

Enclosed is a copy of the Governor's approval letter and supporting documentation. The EWG Board of Directors approved the TIP on July 31, 2013. Included in Appendix A of the TIP is the annual self-certification of the planning process between EWG and MoDOT as required in 23 CFR 450.334. This self-certification is based on review of day-to-day work coordination, the review of work products and the planning process review. The annual Air Quality Conformity Determination is also included in this submittal. All public involvement considerations have been met and fiscal constraint has been ensured.

We request approval of incorporating this TIP into the FY 2014-2018 STIP, approval of the Self-Certification, and approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Henderson, AICP
Transportation Planning Specialist

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Enclosure

Copies: Mr. Brad McMahon-FHWA
Mr. Greg Horn-STL

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August 13, 2013

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In Reply Refer To:
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Mr. Charles Ingersoll
Director of Planning and Programming
Illinois Department of Transportation
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Springfield, IL 62764

Subject: Transportation Improvement Program Approvals

Dear Mr. Ingersoll:

Based upon the joint review by the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), we approve the following Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Programs for FY 2014-2017 as submitted with your letter noted below as an amendment to the FY 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

<u>MPO Area</u>	<u>Submittal Letter</u>
St. Louis	August 9, 2013
Dubuque	August 9, 2013
Peoria/Pekin	August 9, 2013
Rockford	August 9, 2013
Southern Illinois	August 9, 2013

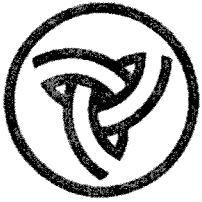
With this approval, project authorization requests to FHWA may be considered for projects included in this STIP amendment, provided that such requests are submitted in accordance with our December 29, 1995, letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation, subject "Transportation Planning Support for Obligation of Federal-aid Highway Project Funds."

Sincerely,

Jon-Paul Kohler
Planning and Program Development Manager

Enclosures

ecc: Ms. Karen Shoup, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT
Mr. Tom Kelso, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT
Ms. Marisol Simon, Federal Transit Administration
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August 9, 2013

Ms. Catherine A. Batey
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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Springfield, Illinois 62703

Attention: Betsy Tracy

Dear Ms. Batey:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.324 are copies of the Transportation Improvement Programs for 5 of Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organizations. The years covered, and dates passed by their policy committees are contained in the attached listing.

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

The State of Illinois would also like to amend its FY 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate these newly adopted Transportation Improvement Programs.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Kelso at 785-2996.

Sincerely,

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

Karen Shoup, Bureau Chief
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July 31, 2013


The Honorable Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor of Missouri
State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Nixon:

Today, July 31, 2013, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area. Included with the TIP is the annual self-certification of the planning process between the East-West Gateway Council of Governments and MoDOT as required under 23 CFR 450.334. This self-certification is based on review of day-to-day work coordination, the review of work products and the planning process review. We are satisfied the federal requirements have been met in the development of this TIP, including the opportunity for the general public to comment on projects in the TIP.

Enclosed is a copy of the TIP for your review. We request approval at your earliest convenience, so project authorization can proceed in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Sincerely,



David B. Nichols, P.E.
Director

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Approved: _____

Date: 9/3/13

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July 31, 2013

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Dear Mr. Nichols:

At its July 31, 2013 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and corresponding air quality conformity determination for the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Attached are copies of the FY 2014-2017 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation for your review and consideration. We look forward to a speedy review of these documents. The TIP includes the self certification statement with regard to the metropolitan transportation planning process (see Appendix A). As you know, the St. Louis metropolitan TIP must be approved by the Governor. We hereby request that you seek this approval and include the metropolitan TIP in the Missouri Statewide TIP. We also request that you forward these documents to the United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region VII, Federal Highway Administration - Missouri Division, and Federal Transit Administration - Region VII for their review and comment.

If you have any questions regarding the TIP, do not hesitate to contact Jason Lange at (314) 421-4220.

Sincerely,

Larry Grither
Division Manager

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