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Mr. Jeffrey South  
Interim Director of Planning and Programming  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
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Subject: Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration  
East-West Gateway Council of Governments Fiscal Year 2016-2019  
Transportation Improvement Program Approval

Dear Mr. South:

Based upon the joint review by the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), we approve the following Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2016-2019 as submitted with your letter noted below as an amendment to the FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The East-West Gateway Board of Directors approved the TIP on July 29, 2015, and the Missouri Governor approved the STIP amendment for the TIP update on August 27, 2015. The Missouri Division of the FHWA issued a joint One DOT approval letter on August 31, 2015 for the East-West Gateway (St. Louis) TIP and the Air Quality Conformity determination.

MPO Area  
East-West Gateway

Submittal Letter  
September 14, 2015

Based on the Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division's ongoing Federal oversight of the planning activities at the EWGCOG MPO, 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 TIP amendment.

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  
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# Illinois Department of Transportation

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September 14, 2015

Mrs. Catherine A. Batey  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
3250 Executive Park Drive  
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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 4 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 2015-2018 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  
Urban Program Planning

<b>MPO</b>	<b>Years Covered</b>	<b>Date Passed</b>
Dubuque	FY16-19	7/7/2015
Rockford	FY16-19	8/27/2015
EWGCG(Metro-East)	FY16-19	7/29/2015
Springfield	FY16-19	9/10/2015



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August 31, 2015

Ms. Roberta Broeker, Interim Director  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
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RE: FTA/FHWA Approval of Amendment to the Missouri  
FY 2016-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program  
(STIP) for the East West Gateway Council of Governments  
(EWGCOG) FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement  
Program (TIP) and Related Amendments to the Connected  
2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for the St. Louis  
Region, and the EWGCOG/MoDOT Self-Certification .

Dear Ms. Broeker:

As requested in your letter dated August 27, 2015, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the requested amendment to the FY 2016-2020 Missouri State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis metropolitan planning area. The EWGCOG Board of Directors approved the TIP on July 29, 2015. The Missouri Governor approved the STIP amendment for the TIP update on August 27, 2015. This TIP includes transit, street, highway, enhancement, and aviation projects.

The FHWA and the FTA concur in the EWGCOG July 29, 2014 Air Quality Conformity Determination. This determination concluded that the projects and programs included in the St. Louis Region's FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Connected 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and tests for eight-hour ozone standard and PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard and are in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and related Federal regulations.

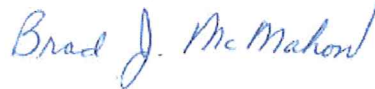
In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218(b) and 450.328(a) and (b), we have determined that this STIP amendment is based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304 and 23 CFR 450 Subparts A, B, and C. Based on our review, this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

The FY 2016-2019 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

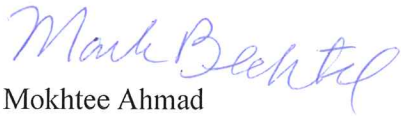
metropolitan planning area's transportation planning process meets all applicable Federal requirements outlined in the executed annual self-certification statement.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brad McMahon at FHWA (573) 638-2609 or Jeremiah Shuler at FTA (816) 329-3940.

Sincerely,



For: Kevin W. Ward, P.E.  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration



for  
Mokhtee Ahmad  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration

cc: Betsy Tracy, FHWA Illinois Division  
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August 31, 2015

Mr. Ed Hillhouse  
Executive Director  
East West Gateway Council of Governments  
One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600  
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Re: St. Louis Metropolitan Area Air Quality Conformity  
Determination and Documentation for the Connected 2045  
Long Range Transportation Plan and FY2016-2019  
Transportation Improvement Program and Related  
Amendments to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for  
the St. Louis Region

Dear Mr. Hillhouse:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' (EWGCOG) June 24, 2015 Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Connected 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for the St. Louis Region and the July 29, 2015 Air Quality Conformity Determination for the FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Connected 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.

We have determination that the projects and programs included in the Connected 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and the St. Louis Region's FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Connected 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for the St. Louis Region, meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and tests for eight-hour ozone standard and PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard and are in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and related Federal regulations.

The Environmental Protection Agency Region VII also indicated their satisfaction with the conformity determinations in their July 16, 2015 and August 26, 2015 letters to the FHWA and the FTA.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brad McMahon of FHWA at (573) 638-2609 or Jeremiah Shuler of FTA at (816) 329-3940.

Sincerely,

*for*  
Mokhtee Ahmad  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration

For: Kevin W. Ward, P.E.  
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cc: Betsy Tracy, FHWA Illinois Division  
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## Missouri Department of Transportation

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August 27, 2015

Mr. Kevin Ward  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
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Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
901 Locust, Room 404  
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Dear Messrs. Ward and Ahmad:

SUBJECT: St. Louis Metropolitan Area  
FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program  
East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG)  
Approval to Incorporate into FY 2016-2020 STIP  
Approval of Self-Certification  
Approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination

As required by the 2012 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 2016-2019 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 29, 2015. 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 2016-2020 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

Enclosure

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

Ms. Jeremiah Shuler-FTA  
Mr. Wesley Stephen-STL

Mr. Ed Hillhouse-EWG  
Mr. Mark Bechtel-FTA



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Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
901 Locust Street, Room 404  
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Dear Mr. Ward and Mr. Ahmad:

This letter responds to your July 31, 2015, request for review and conclusion regarding the Air Quality Conformity Determination for 8-Hour Ozone and Particulate Matter<sub>2.5</sub> for the St. Louis area. The conformity determination relates to the St. Louis Region FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to Connected 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the conformity determination on July 29, 2015.

The conformity determination and supporting documents were reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 staff. The EPA finds the conformity determination analysis meets the requirements of the Transportation Conformity Regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heather Hamilton at (913) 551-7039, or by e-mail at [Hamilton.heather@epa.gov](mailto:Hamilton.heather@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Becky Weber".

Becky Weber  
Director  
Air and Waste Management Division

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July 31, 2015

Mr. Mark Hague, Acting Regional Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency – Region VII  
11201 Renner Blvd  
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RE: St. Louis Metropolitan Area Air Quality Conformity  
Determination and Documentation for the FY2016-2019  
Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments  
to the Regional Transportation Plan 2045

Dear Mr. Hague:

At their July 29, 2015 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' (EWGCOG) Board of Directors approved the Air Quality Conformity and Documentation for Eight-Hour Ozone and PM 2.5 for the FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and related amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan 2045. Electronic copies of the Conformity Determination and the FY2016-2019 TIP work products, approved by the EWGCOG Board of Directors, have been electronically transmitted to the EPA Region VII. In recognition of your receipt of these documents, we have not included a copy with this letter.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) request your Conformity Finding review and conclusion prior to the FTA/FHWA approval action. We would appreciate if this can be provided in writing within twenty one (21) days from the date of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact either Mr. Brad McMahon of FHWA Missouri Division at (573) 638-2609 or Mr. Jeremiah Shuler of FTA Region VII at (816) 329-3940.

Sincerely,

Mokhtee Ahmad  
Regional Administrator  
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For: Kevin Ward, P.E.  
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July 30, 2015

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

Dear Governor Nixon:

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area on July 29, 2015. 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. A summary of comments is included with this submittal.

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

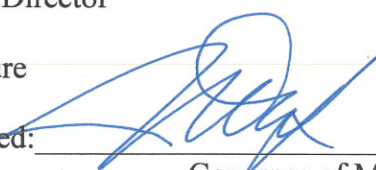
Sincerely,



Roberta Broeker, CPA  
Interim Director

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Governor of Missouri

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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July 29, 2015

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Dear Ms. Broeker:

At its July 29, 2015 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the corresponding air quality conformity determination for the St. Louis metropolitan area, and the metropolitan planning process certification.

Attached are copies of the FY 2016-2019 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

Enclosures

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