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Ms. Erin Aleman
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Subject: Rockford and East-West Gateway Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Transportation Improvement Program Approvals

Dear Ms. Aleman:

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 2018-2021 as submitted with your August 15, 2017 letter noted below as an amendment to the FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

MPO Area

Policy Board Approval

Rockford
East-West Gateway

September 27, 2017
August 31, 2017

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

Sincerely,

Jon-Paul Kohler
Planning and Program Development Manager

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September 28, 2017

Mr. Tom Kelso
Illinois Department of Transportation
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Re: FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity
Determination

Dear Mr. Kelso:

At its August 30, 2017 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and corresponding air quality conformity determination for the St. Louis metropolitan area. ONEDOT approved these documents on September 26, 2017.

I have attached a copy of the ONEDOT approval letter. The final FY 2018-2021 TIP and air quality conformity determination are also attached. The TIP includes the self certification statement with regard to the metropolitan transportation planning process (see Appendix A of TIP). We hereby request that you include the metropolitan TIP in the Illinois Statewide TIP.

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

Sincerely,

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September 26, 2017

Mr. Patrick McKenna, Director
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RE: FTA/FHWA Approval of Amendment to the Missouri FY 2018-2022 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2018-2021 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 Mr. McKenna:

As requested in your letter dated September 13, 2017, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the requested amendment to the FY 2018-2022 Missouri State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis metropolitan planning area. The EWGCOG Board of Directors approved the TIP on August 30, 2017. The Missouri Governor approved the STIP amendment for the TIP update on September 12, 2017. This TIP includes transit, street, highway, enhancement, and aviation projects.

The FHWA and the FTA have concurred in the EWGCOG August 30, 2017 Air Quality Conformity Determination. This determination concluded that the projects and programs included in the St. Louis Region's FY 2018-2021 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_{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 2018-2021 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 2017 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

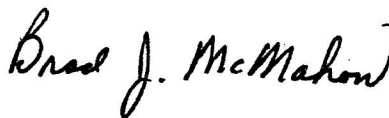
metropolitan planning area's transportation planning process meets all applicable Federal requirements outlined in the executed annual self-certification statement.

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

Sincerely,



Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
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For: Kevin W. Ward, P.E.
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September 26, 2017

Mr. Jim Wild
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East West Gateway Council of Governments
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Re: St. Louis Metropolitan Area Air Quality Conformity
Determination and Documentation for the FY2018-2021
Transportation Improvement Program and Related
Amendments to the Connected 2045 Long Range
Transportation Plan for the St. Louis Region

Dear Mr. Wild:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concur in the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' (EWGCOG) August 30, 2017 Air Quality Conformity Determination. This determination concluded that the projects and programs included in the St. Louis Region's FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the St. Louis Region's 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_{2.5} 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 determination in their September 22, 2017 letter 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,

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Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad
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Dear Mr. Ward and Mr. Ahmad:

This letter responds to your September 15, 2017, request for review and conclusion regarding the Air Quality Conformity Determination for 8-Hour Ozone and Particulate Matter_{2.5} for the St. Louis area. The Conformity Determination relates to the St. Louis Region 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan and related amendments to the Connected 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the conformity determination on August 30, 2017.

The Conformity Determination and supporting documents were reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 staff. The Environmental Protection Agency finds the Conformity Determination analysis meets the requirements of the Transportation Conformity Regulations (40 CFR Part 93).

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

Sincerely,

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

Becky Weber
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September 13, 2017

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Dear Messrs. Ward and Ahmad:

SUBJECT: St. Louis Metropolitan Area
FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program
East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG)
Approval to Incorporate into FY 2018-2022 STIP
Approval of Self-Certification
Approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination

As required by the 2015 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Governor Greitens has approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis urbanized area. The TIP covers transit, highway, bridge and enhancement projects for fiscal years 2018-2021 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 August 30, 2017. 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 2017-2021 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

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September 5, 2017

The Honorable Eric R. Greitens
Governor of Missouri
State Capitol
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Dear Governor Greitens:

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area on August 30, 2017. 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.

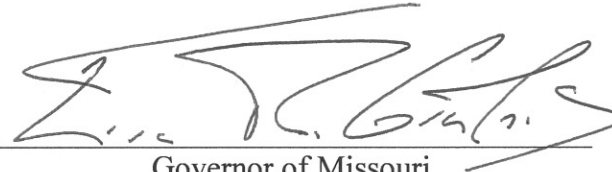
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Approved:



Governor of Missouri

Date:

September 12, 2017



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August 30, 2017

Mr. Patrick K. McKenna
Director
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Dear Mr. McKenna:

At its August 30, 2017 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 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,

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