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August 27, 2020

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Ms. Holly Bieneman
Bureau Chief of Planning
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

Subject: Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Dear Ms. Bieneman:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approves the amendment to the FY 2020-2023
East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) Transportation Improvement
Program, and the FY 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as
submitted with your letter dated August 26, 2020.

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. Tom Caldwell, Program Planning, IDOT
      Mr. Tom Kelso, Program Planning, IDOT
      Mr. Jason Lange, East-West Gateway Council of Governments
      Mr. Josh Schwenk, East-West Gateway Council of Governments
      Mr. Bradley McMahon, FHWA-Missouri Division
August 26, 2020

Ms. Arlene Kocher  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
3250 Executive Park Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62703  

Attention: Betsy Tracy

Dear Ms. Kocher:

Enclosed for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.326 are copies of amendments to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program for the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGC). At its August 26, 2020 meeting, the EWGCs’ Board of Directors amended the Council's FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Board approved the addition of new projects for Illinois sponsors. 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 amended FY 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate this amendment to the EWGC 2020-2023 TIP.

Sincerely,

[Signature]  
Holly Bieneman  
Bureau Chief Planning

Attachment:
August 26, 2020

Mr. Tom Caldwell
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL  62764

RE: FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

At its August 26, 2020 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments’ Board of Directors amended the Council’s FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Board approved the modification of one existing project for Illinois sponsors.

The enclosed memo and project summary detail the approved amendment. At your request, minutes confirming the action will be forwarded to your office.

We request that the State Transportation Improvement Program be adjusted to reflect this change so that the project can proceed toward implementation. If you have any questions concerning the amendment, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Rachael Pawlak
Senior Manager

cc:  Gwen Lagemann, IDOT
     Kevin Jemison, IDOT

Enclosures
Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Council Staff  
Subject: Modification to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Connected2045, and the Related Air Quality Conformity Determination – Requested by IDOT  
Date: August 12, 2020

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has requested to amend the FY 2020-2023 TIP, Connected2045, and related Air Quality Conformity Determination. In all, they are requesting to modify one existing project. This memo outlines the requested change.

**Illinois Modified Project**

IDOT has requested to modify one project currently programmed in the TIP. The advancement in fiscal year is intended to address differences between IDOT’s fiscal year 2021 (begins July 1) and federal fiscal year 2021 (begins October 1).

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**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the FY 2020-2023 TIP, Connected2045, and related Air Quality Conformity Determination be revised to modify one existing project as summarized. This project are exempt with respect to air quality in accordance with federal regulations (40 CFR 93.126).
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