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August 27, 2020

Mr. Patrick K. McKenna
Director
Attn: Mike Henderson
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Dear Mr. McKenna:

At its August 26, 2020 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2021-2024 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 2021-2024 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). 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.

If you have any questions regarding the TIP, do not hesitate to contact Jason Lange at jason.lange@ewgateway.org.

Sincerely,

Rachael Pawlak

Rachael Pawlak
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August 27, 2020

Mr. Kevin Ward
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Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
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Dear Messrs. Ward and Ahmad:

SUBJECT: St. Louis Metropolitan Area
FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG)
Approval to Incorporate into FY 2020-2024 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 Parson 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 2021-2024 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 26, 2020. 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 2020-2024 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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August 27, 2020

The Honorable Michael L. Parson
Governor of Missouri
State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Parson:

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area on August 26, 2020. 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,

Patrick K. McKenna
Director

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Approved: _____ Date: August 27, 2020
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September 10, 2020

Mr. Jim Wild
Executive Director
East West Gateway Council of Governments
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Re: St. Louis Metropolitan Area Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation for the FY2021-2024 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) Air Quality Conformity Determination dated August 26, 2020. This determination concluded that the projects and programs included in the St. Louis Region's FY 2021-2024 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 9, 2020 letter to the FHWA and the FTA.

If you have any questions, please contact Brad McMahon of FHWA at (573) 638-2609 or Cathy Monroe of FTA at (816) 329-3929.

Sincerely,

Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

Bradley J. McMahon
For: Kevin W. Ward, P.E.
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September 10, 2020

Mr. Patrick McKenna, Director
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RE: FTA/FHWA Approval of Amendment to the Missouri FY 2020-2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2021-2024 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 August 27, 2020, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the requested amendment to the FY 2020-2024 Missouri State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis metropolitan planning area. The EWGCOG Board of Directors approved the TIP on August 26, 2020. The Missouri Governor approved the STIP amendment for the TIP update on August 27, 2020. This TIP includes transit, street, highway, enhancement, and aviation projects.

The FHWA and the FTA have determined that the EWGCOG Air Quality Conformity Determination, dated 8/26/20, meets the Transportation Conformity analysis requirements of the Transportation Conformity Regulation (40 CFR Part 93). This determination concluded that the projects and programs included in the St. Louis Region's FY 2021-2024 TIP 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 PM2.5 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 2021-2024 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 Brad McMahon at FHWA (573) 638-2609 or Cathy Monroe at FTA (816) 329-3938.

Sincerely,

Mokhtee Ahmad

Bradley J. McMahon

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Regional Administrator
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September 16, 2020

Mr. Tom Caldwell
Metropolitan Planning Manager
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Re: FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

At its August 26, 2020 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and corresponding air quality conformity determination for the St. Louis metropolitan area. ONEDOT approved these documents on September 10, 2020.

The ONEDOT approval lettter, final FY 2021-2024 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination are 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 jason.lange@ewgateway.org.

Sincerely,

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Transportation Planner

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September 16, 2019

Ms. Arlene Kocher
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Springfield, Illinois 62703

Attention: Betsy Tracy

Dear Ms. Kocher:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.324 are copies of the new FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the East-West Gateway Council of Governments. The MPO Board approved the new TIP and corresponding air quality determination at its August 26, 2019 meeting.

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 Y 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate these newly adopted Transportation Improvement Programs.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Caldwell at 785-2368.

Sincerely,

Holly Bieneman

Holly Bieneman
Bureau Chief Planning

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September 16, 2019

Ms. Kelley Brookins
Federal Transit Administration
Department of Transportation
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Chicago, Illinois 60603

Attention: Anthony Greep

Dear Ms. Brookins:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.324 are copies of the new FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the East-West Gateway Council of Governments. The MPO Board approved the new TIP and corresponding air quality determination at its August 26, 2020 meeting.

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October 14, 2020

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Subject: Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program Approvals

Dear Ms. Bieneman:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have jointly reviewed and approve the following Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) as submitted with your August 31, 2020 and September 16, 2020 letters and noted below as an amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

MPO Area	Years Covered	Policy Board Approval
Rockford – R1PC	FY 21 – 24	August 28, 2020
St. Louis – East-West Gateway	FY 21 – 24	August 26, 2020

Based on the FHWA, Illinois Division and FTA Region 5 ongoing oversight of the planning activities for the subject MPOs, we find that the transportation planning process of these regions substantially meets the planning requirements described in 23 CFR 450. We may now consider project authorization requests related to these STIP amendments.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Betsy Tracy, FHWA at (217) 492-4642.

Sincerely,

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