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August 28, 2019

Mr. Patrick K. McKenna
Director
Attn: Mike Henderson
Missouri Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. McKenna:

At its August 28, 2019 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2020-2023 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 2020-2023 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 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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September 3, 2019

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 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area on August 28, 2019. 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

Enclosure

Approved: _____ Date: September 3, 2019
Governor of Missouri

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September 4, 2019

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

SUBJECT: St. Louis Metropolitan Area
FY 2020-2023 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 2020-2023 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 28, 2019. 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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September 24, 2019

Mr. Jim Wild
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Re: St. Louis Metropolitan Area Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation for the FY2020-2023 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) have determined that the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' (EWGCOG) Air Quality Conformity Determination, dated August 28, 2019, 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 2020-2023 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 that the conformity analysis meets the Transportation Conformity analysis requirements of the transportation Conformity Regulation (40 CFR Part 93), in their September 24, 2019 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
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Bradley J. McMahon
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September 24, 2019

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 2020-2023 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 4, 2019, 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 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis metropolitan planning area. The EWGCOG Board of Directors approved the TIP on August 28, 2019. The Missouri Governor approved the STIP amendment for the TIP update on September 3, 2019. 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 8/28/19, 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 2020-2023 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 2019-2022 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
Regional Administrator
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September 26, 2019

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Re: FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

At its August 28, 2019 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and corresponding air quality conformity determination for the St. Louis metropolitan area. We have been notified by the Missouri Department of Transportation that ONEDOT approved these documents on September 24, 2019. A copy of the formal approval letter will be sent to you under separate cover once we receive it.

The final FY 2020-2023 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, 2019

Ms. Arlene Kocher
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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 2020-2023 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 28, 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 FY 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,

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October 22, 2019

In Reply Refer To:
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Ms. Holly Ostdick
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Subject: Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program Approval

Dear Ms. Ostdick:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have jointly reviewed and approve the following Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program as submitted with your September 26, 2019 letter noted below as an amendment to the FY2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

| MPO Area | Years Covered | Policy Board Approval |
|---|---|---|
| EW Gateway | FY20-23 | August 28, 2019 |

Based on the Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region 5 ongoing oversight of the planning activities for the subject 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 STIP amendment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us: Betsy Tracy (FHWA) at (217)-492-4642 or Anthony Greep (FTA) at (312)-353-1646.

Sincerely,

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Community Planner

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Mr. Tom Kelso, Bureau of Planning, IDOT
Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Bureau of Planning