Chair
Dennis Gannon
County Executive, Jefferson County
Vice Chair
Mark A. Kern
Chairman, St. Clair County Board
2nd Vice Chair
Tishaura Jones
Mayor
City of St. Louis
Executive Committee
Tim Brinker
Presiding Commissioner
Franklin County
Steve Ehlmann
County Executive, St. Charles County
Dennis M. Knobloch
County Board Chairman
Monroe County
Dr. Sam Page
County Executive, St. Louis County
Kurt Prenzler
Chairman
Madison County Board
Members
Darlene Bell
President
Municipal League of Metro St.Louis
Honorable Rita Heard Days
Councilwoman, 1st Council District
St. Louis County
Robert Eastern III
Mayor, City of East St. Louis
Mark Kupsky
President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors
Roy Mosley
St. Clair County
David Schwind
Madison County
Herbert Simmons
President, Southwestern Illinois
Metropolitan & Regional
Planning Commission
Seth Speiser
Vice President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors
Donald R. Summers, Jr.
St. Louis County
Joseph Vollmer
Interim President, Board of Aldermen
City of St. Louis
John White
St. Charles County
Brad Zobrist
Franklin County
Regional Citizens
Barbara Geisman
C. William Grogan
John A. Laker
Ron Williams
Non-voting Members
Holly Bieneman
Illinois Department of Transportation
Vacant
Illinois Department of Commerce
and Economic Opportunity
Patrick McKenna
Missouri Department of Transportation
Taulby Roach
Bi-State Development
Aaron Willard
Missouri Office of Administration
Executive Director
James M. Wild

EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments
Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

August 31, 2022

Mr. Patrick K. McKenna
Director
Attn: Mike Henderson
Missouri Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 270
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270

Dear Mr. McKenna:

At its August 31, 2022 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2023-2026 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 2023-2026 TIP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation for your review and consideration. 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
Senior Manager

Enclosures

Gateway Tower
One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600
St. Louis, MO 63102-2451

314-421-4220
618-274-2750
Fax 314-231-6120

webmaster@ewgateway.org
www.ewgateway.org

MoDOT

Missouri Department of Transportation
Patrick K. McKenna, Director

105 West Capitol Avenue
P.O. Box 270
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

1.888.ASK MODOT (275.6636)

September 7, 2022

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 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area on August 31, 2022. 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: 9-12-22
Governor of Missouri

MoDOT

105 West Capitol Avenue
P.O. Box 270
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Missouri Department of Transportation
Patrick K. McKenna, Director

1.888.ASK MODOT (275.6636)

September 13, 2022

Mr. Kevin Ward
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
3220 West Edgewood, Suite H
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
901 Locust, Room 404
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Messrs. Ward and Ahmad:

SUBJECT: St. Louis Metropolitan Area
FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG)
Approval to Incorporate into FY 2023-2027 STIP
Approval of Self-Certification
Approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination

As required by the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), 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 2023-2026 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 31, 2022. 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 450.336. 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 2023-2027 STIP, approval of the Self-Certification, and approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Henderson

Michael E. Henderson, AICP
Transportation Planning Specialist

Enclosure

Copies: Brad McMahon-FHWA
Jason Lange-EWG
Eva Steinman-FTA
Rachael Pawlak-EWG
Jim Wild-EWG
Cindy Simmons-STL

U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration
901 Locust Street, Room 404
Kansas City, MO 64106
816-329-3920
816-329-3921 (fax)

Federal Highway Administration
3220 West Edgewood, Suite H
Jefferson City, MO 65109
573-636-7104
573-636-9283 (fax)

September 14, 2022

Meg McCollister, Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency – Region VII
11201 Renner Blvd
Lenexa KS, 66219 901

RE: Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and Related Amendments to the Regional Connected 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

Dear Meg McCollister:

At their August 31, 2022 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 new FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and related amendments to the Regional Connected 2045 Transportation Plan for the St. Louis region. Electronic copies of the Conformity Determination and FY 2023-2026 TIP work products, approved by the EWGCOG Board of Directors, are included in the electronic transmittal of this letter. The FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Missouri Governor on September 12, 2022.

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 seven (7) 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 Eva Steinman of FTA Region VII at (816) 329-3931.

Sincerely,

Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

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

cc: Betsy Tracy, FHWA Illinois Division
Jason Heitman, EPA Region 7
Jed Wolkins, EPA Region 7

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219

October 20, 2022

Mr. Kevin Ward
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
3220 West Edgewood, Suite H
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Mr. Ward:

This letter responds to your September 14, 2022, 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 FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Regional Connected 2045 Transportation Plan. The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the conformity determination on August 31, 2022.

The conformity determination and supporting documents were reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the EPA 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 Jason Heitman at (913) 551-7664, or by email at heitman.jason@epa.gov.

Sincerely
DANA SKELLEY
Digitally signed by DANA SKELLEY
Date: 2022.10.20 18:13:14 -05'00'
Dana M. Skelley
Director
Air and Radiation Division

cc: Mr. Mark Bechtel, PTA-Region 7
Mr. David Bloomberg, IEPA
Mr. Mike Henderson, MDOT
Ms. Carol Lawrence, EWGWCOG
Mr. Michael Leslie, EPA Region V
Mr. Brad McMahon, FHWA
Ms. Nicole Weidenbenner, MDNR

Printed on Recycled Paper

U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration
901 Locust Street, Room 404 3
Kansas City, MO 64106
816-329-3920
816-329-3921 (fax)

Federal Highway Administration
220 W. Edgewood, Suite H
Jefferson City, MO 65109
573-636-7104
573-636-9283 (fax)

October 25, 2022

Mr. Patrick McKenna, Director
Missouri Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 270
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

RE: FTA/FHWA Approval of Amendment to the Missouri FY 2023-2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2023-2026 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, 2022, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the requested amendment to the FY 2023-2027 Missouri State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis metropolitan planning area. The EWGCOG Board of Directors approved the TIP on August 31, 2022. The Missouri Governor approved the STIP amendment for the TIP update on September 12, 2022, 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 8/31/22, 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 2023-2026 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 2023-2026 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 2022 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 Dan Weitkamp at FHWA (573) 638-2605 or Eva Steinman at FTA (816) 329-3931.

Sincerely,

RAEGAN M BALL Digitally signed by RAEGAN M BALL Date: 2022.10.25 13:22:29 -05'00'

Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

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

cc Betsy Tracy, FHWA Illinois Division
Eric Curtit, MoDOT
Mike Henderson, MoDOT
Dana Kaiser, MoDOT
Llans Taylor, MoDOT
Christy Evers MoDOT
Wesley Stephen, MoDOT St. Louis District
Tom Kelso, IDOT Bureau of Planning
Holly Ostdick, IDOT Bureau of Planning
Jim Wild, EWGCOG
Tracy Beidleman, METRO

Chair
Dennis Gannon
County Executive, Jefferson County
Vice Chair
Mark A. Kern
Chairman, St. Clair County Board
2nd Vice Chair
Tishaura Jones
Mayor
City of St. Louis
Executive Committee
Tim Brinker
Presiding Commissioner
Franklin County
Steve Ehlmann
County Executive, St. Charles County
Dennis M. Knobloch
County Board Chairman
Monroe County
Dr. Sam Page
County Executive, St. Louis County
Kurt Prenzler
Chairman
Madison County Board
Members
Darlene Bell
President
Municipal League of Metro St. Louis
Honorable Rita Heard Days
Councilwoman, 1st Council District
St. Louis County
Robert Eastern III
Mayor, City of East St. Louis
Mark Kupsky
President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors
Roy Mosley
St. Clair County
David Schwind
Madison County
Herbert Simmons
President, Southwestern Illinois
Metropolitan & Regional
Planning Commission
Seth Speiser
Vice President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors
Donald R. Summers, Jr.
St. Louis County
Joseph Vollmer
Interim President, Board of Aldermen
City of St. Louis
Mike Elam
Councilman, District 3
St. Charles County
Brad Zobrist
Franklin County
Regional Citizens
Barbara Geisman
C. William Grogan
John A. Laker
Ron Williams
Non-voting Members
Holly Bieneman
Illinois Department of Transportation
Vacant
Illinois Department of Commerce
and Economic Opportunity
Patrick McKenna
Missouri Department of Transportation
Taulby Roach
Bi-State Development
Aaron Willard
Missouri Office of Administration
Executive Director
James M. Wild

EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments
Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

October 27, 2022

Mr. Tom Caldwell
Metropolitan Planning Manager
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Rm. 311
Springfield, IL 62764

Re: FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination and October TIP amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

At its August 31, 2022 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' (EWG) Board of Directors approved the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and corresponding air quality conformity determination for the St. Louis metropolitan area. ONEDOT approved these documents on October 25, 2022.

At its October 26, 2022 meeting, the EWG Board of Directors approved amendments to the FY 2023-2026 including the IDOT program.

The ONEDOT approval letter, final FY 2023-2026 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). Also attached is the IDOT and local programs amendment from October. We hereby request that you include the metropolitan TIP and October amendment to the 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,

Jason Lange
Transportation Planner

cc: Gwen Lagemann, IDOT
Kevin Jemison, IDOT

Gateway Tower
One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600
St. Louis, MO 63102-2451

314-421-4220
618-274-2750
Fax 314-231-6120

webmaster@ewgateway.org
www.ewgateway.org

Illinois Department of Transportation
Office of Planning and Programming
2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

October 28, 2022

David L. Snyder
Acting Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Attention: Betsy Tracy

Dear Mr. Snyder:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.324 is a copy of the new FY 2023-2026 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 31, 2022, meeting.

We consider the estimate of costs included in this Transportation Improvement Program to be realistic. We concur with the fiscal consistency analysis included in the TIP. The total cost of the TIPs 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 FY 2021-24 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate this newly adopted Transportation Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

Michael Vanderhoof
Bureau Chief Planning

Illinois Department of Transportation
Office of Planning and Programming
2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

October 28, 2022

Ms. Kelley Brookins
Federal Transit Administration
Department of Transportation
200 West Adams Street
Suite 320
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 2023-2026 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 31, 2022 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 period. 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 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate these amendments to the EWGC FY 2023-2026 TIP.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Vanderhoof
Bureau Chief Planning

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration
Region V
200 West Adams, Suite 2410
Chicago, IL 60606

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
Illinois Division Office
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

In Reply Refer To:
HPP-IL

Mr. Michael Vanderhoof
Bureau Chief Planning
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

Subject: Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Approval

Dear Mr. Vanderhoof:

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 and Air Quality Conformity as submitted with your October 28th letter, noted below as an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

MPO Area	Years Covered	Policy Board Approval
St. Louis-EWGC	FY 23-26	August 31, 2022

Based on FHWA, Illinois Division and FTA 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 may now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment.

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

Sincerely,

KELLEY BROOKINS Digitally signed by KELLEY BROOKINS Date: 2022.11.16 12:43:01 -06'00'

Kelley Brookins, FTA
Regional Administrator

Jon-Paul Kohler

Jon-Paul Kohler, FHWA
Planning & Program Development Manager

ecc: Douglas Delille, Bureau of Planning, IDOT
Thomas Caldwell, Bureau of Planning, IDOT
Brandon Geber, Bureau of Planning, IDOT
Bob Innis, Bureau of Planning, IDOT