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Karen Shoup, Bureau Chief
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Re: FY2015-2018 Illinois STIP Amendment Request, dated September 18, 2015

Dear Ms. Shoup:

We have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment request you submitted via correspondence dated September 18, 2015. The request adds projects pursuant to changes made to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

The amended TIP has been endorsed by the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The public transportation projects listed in the TIP amendment report provided are eligible for FTA funding.

We have determined that the amendments to the TIP and STIP for public transportation projects are financially constrained and consistent with the relevant MPO and statewide transportation plans. The projects were developed in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450, and are exempt from the air quality conformity determination process. The project additions are approved for the FY2015-2018 STIP.

If you have any questions concerning this STIP amendment approval, please contact Reginald Arkell at (312) 886-3704. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheila J. Clements
Director, Office of Planning
& Program Development

Cc: Tom Kotarac, Deputy Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning