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Karen Shoup, Bureau Chief  
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Re: FY2015-2018 Illinois STIP Amendment Requests, dated November 6, 2015, December 21, 2015, and January 26, 2016

Dear Ms. Shoup:

We have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment requests you submitted via correspondence dated November 6 and December 21, 2015 as well as one dated January 26, 2016. The requests add projects pursuant to changes made to the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for the following agencies: BiState Regional Planning Commission, Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, DeKalb Sycamore Area Transportation Study, Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study, and Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

The amended TIPs have been endorsed by the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). The public transportation projects listed in the TIP amendment reports provided are eligible for FTA funding.

We have determined that the amendments to the TIPs 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 Tony Greep at (312) 353-1646. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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& Program Development

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