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Bruce Carmitchel, Bureau Chief  
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Re: Illinois FY2015-2018 STIP Amendment Request, dated April 25, 2016

Dear Mr. Carmitchell:

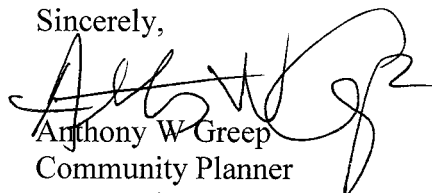
We have reviewed the FY2015-2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment request you submitted via correspondence dated April 25, 2016. The request adds projects pursuant to changes made to the FY2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency 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 me at (312) 353-1646. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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