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Mr. Roger Driskell
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Springfield, Illinois 62764

Subject: Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
Chicago Metropolitan Area

Dear Mr. Driskell:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approves the highway amendments and accepts the administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2019 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation Improvement Program, and the FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as submitted with your letter dated May 24, 2016.

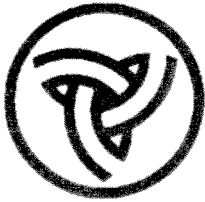
Based upon the joint FHWA/Federal Transit Administration Certification Review and our ongoing Federal oversight of the planning activities in the Chicago Metropolitan Planning Organization, we find that the transportation planning process of this region substantially meets the planning requirements described in 23 CFR 450. We can now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment.

Sincerely yours

John M. Donovan
Metropolitan Planning Specialist

Enclosure

ecc: Mr. Bruce Carmitchel, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT
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May 24, 2016

Ms. Catherine A. Batey
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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Attention: John Donovan

Dear Ms. Batey:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.326 is copies of amendments to the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. The Transportation Committee of the MPO approved these TIP amendments on May 20, 2016. Copies of modifications to the TIP are included for your use and information.

The Northeastern Illinois region has committed itself to the integration of transportation and air quality planning. To this end, the MPO has developed procedures for incorporating air quality objectives into the transportation planning process. The TIP amendments, being transmitted by this letter, are in accordance with USDOT metropolitan regulations and USEPA transportation conformity regulations. The MPO has determined that the TIP amendments are in conformance with the State Implementation Program. The changes resulting from these amendments have no effect on the emissions estimates made for the region's conformity determination.

We consider the estimate of costs included in the Transportation Improvement Program to be realistic. We concur with the fiscal consistency analysis included in the TIP. The total cost of the TIP 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 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate these amendments to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's 2014-2019 TIP..

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Bruce Carmitchel at 217-785-2994.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Carmitchel
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May 20, 2016

Mr. Roger Driskell
Director, Planning and Programming
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Dear Mr. Driskell:

At its May meeting the CMAP Transportation Committee amended the FY 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the [16-03 Formal Amendment](#) which can be downloaded using the link provided or by navigating to the Amendments tab of the TIP website (etip.cmap.illinois.gov). The [16-03.1 Administrative Amendments](#) to the TIP are also available for your information. The TIP amendment was subject to a 7-day public comment period. No comments were received.

The adopted amendment includes revisions to exempt projects and non-exempt projects. Exempt projects do not affect the region's air quality conformity analysis. The revisions to non-exempt projects reflect only changes to project costs or phases included in the TIP, and do not affect the results of the existing air quality conformity analysis. Therefore, no new conformity analysis or determination is required for this TIP amendment.

We are transmitting this TIP amendment for your use and transmittal to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Ross Patronsky at (312) 386-8796.

Sincerely,

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Tom Kotarac
Deputy Executive Director
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning