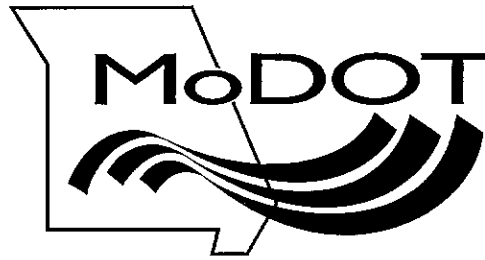


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The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

Consistent with Section 1602 of the Recovery Act (*Preference for Quick-Start Activities*), the U.S. Department of Transportation will assess whether a project is ready to proceed rapidly upon receipt of a TIGER Discretionary Grant, as evidenced by the inclusion of the project in the relevant State, metropolitan, and local planning documents, or a certification from the appropriate agency that the project will be included in the relevant planning document prior to award of a TIGER Discretionary Grant.

On September 2, 2009, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved providing this letter of certification for the Missouri Department of Transportation's TIGER Discretionary Grant project application. This letter certifies that MHTC will include this project in the STIP if selected by the USDOT for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

MoDOT's first tier of priority for TIGER Discretionary Grant applications is for the reconstruction of up to 30 miles of Interstate 70 with dedicated truck lanes in Saline and Cooper Counties.

Sincerely,

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