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RE: FHWA/FTA Approval of the Statewide (Non MPO)
Portion of the Missouri FY 2016-2020 State
Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Dear Mr. Broeker:

As requested in your letter dated July 2, 2015, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have reviewed the statewide Missouri FY 2016-2020 (STIP). The Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission (MHTC) approved the FY 2016-2020 STIP on July 1, 2015.

We recognize that the MoDOT request letter incorrectly identified the supplemental seven-day public comment period as being from July 23, 2015 to July 30, 2015. The actual supplemental public comment period was provided on June 23, 2015 to June 30, 2015. It is also noted that the Commission's certification is being carried out in accordance with the statewide transportation planning process requirements found in 23 CFR 450.218(a) and not per the metropolitan transportation planning process identified in the MoDOT request letter and referenced as being required by 23 CFR 450.334(a).

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218(b)(1), we have determined that this STIP is based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C 135, 49 U.S.C. 5304, and 23 CFR 450 Subpart B. Based on our review, this FY 2016-2020 STIP update is approved.

This ONE DOT approval is given with the understanding that MoDOT will meet with FHWA on or before August 14, 2015 to discuss the MoDOT public comment process, the Projects of Division Interest (PoDI) development process and the MoDOT responses to specific FHWA review comments formulated in connection with the FY2016-2020 draft STIP.

Please be advised that the Missouri STIP includes transit projects programmed to utilize Section 5309 discretionary funds. Since the availability of Section 5309 funds is uncertain, sponsors of those projects proposed but not subsequently funded may need to explore other sources of funding.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brad McMahon at FHWA (573) 638-2609 or Mark Bechtel at FTA (816) 329-3937.

Sincerely,

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