

## Appendix H

### FHWA Letter of Acceptance



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Subject: Envision I-70: I-70 Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) study

Dear Ed Hassinger:

This letter is to acknowledge the completion of the Envision I-70: I-70 Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) study undertaken by The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), in partnership with the East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG) and Bi-State Development (Metro), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This planning study was undertaken in a manner consistent with planning guidance (23 CFR 450).

The strengths of the PEL study included a comprehensive investigation and identification of the transportation problems in the Study Area, as well as the strategies and options for improvements. In addition, the public involvement process undertaken for the study was extensive and interactive.

The completed PEL Questionnaire (Appendix G of the PEL document), provides a good summary of the work completed in the PEL study and the information that will be needed for a project to enter the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. At that time, it may be necessary, depending on the circumstances, for FHWA to meet with MoDOT to determine the scope and level of the NEPA documentation needed, including the extent to which this PEL study can be used during the NEPA process.

We appreciated the opportunity to comment on and actively participate in the development of this PEL study and report. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Raegan Ball, Program Development Team Leader, at (573) 638-2620 or by email at [raegan.ball@dot.gov](mailto:raegan.ball@dot.gov).

Sincerely yours,

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