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June 10, 2009

Mr. Pete K Rahn, Director
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Re: FHWA Approval of "Highway Project Only" Amendment to the Missouri FY 2009-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the Springfield Metropolitan Planning Area amendment of the FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Rahn:

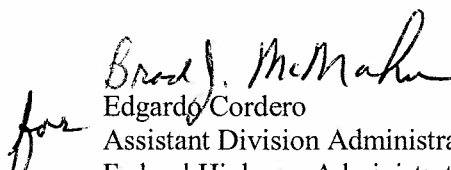
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has reviewed the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) request to incorporate the Ozarks Transportation Organization's (OTO) modification of their FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as further described in your letter of May 18, 2009 as an amendment to the FY 2009-2013 Missouri Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The modification to be amended into the STIP involves one MoDOT highway project and City of Nixa highway project for the Springfield metropolitan area. Both highway projects are to be financed with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) funding. The City of Nixa project is located within an economically distressed area (EDA).

The OTO Board of Directors approved the TIP amendments on May 4, 2009. The Missouri Governor approved the OTO amendments on May 15, 2009.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218(b), we have determined that this STIP amendment is based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304 and 23 CFR 450 Subparts A, B, and C. Based on our review, this STIP amendment request is approved.

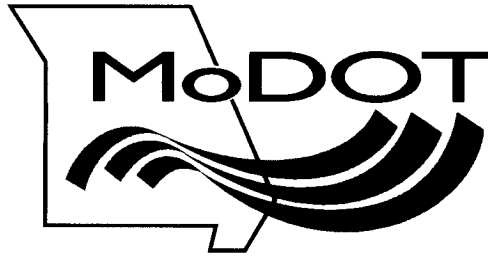
If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brad McMahon at FHWA (573) 638-2609.

Sincerely,


for Edgardo Cordero
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May 18, 2009

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Dear Mr. Cordero:

SUBJECT: Springfield Metropolitan Area
FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program
Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO)
Approval to Incorporate TIP Amendment #6 into FY 2009-2013 STIP

As required by the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for the 21st Century, MoDOT received approval from Governor Nixon for a TIP amendment for the Springfield metropolitan area which includes one MoDOT project and one local project.

Enclosed is a copy of the Governor's approval letter and supporting documentation. The Ozarks Transportation Organization Board of Directors approved the TIP amendment on May 4, 2009. All public involvement considerations were met and fiscal constraint has been ensured.

We request approval of incorporating this TIP amendment into the FY 2009-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Long-Range Transportation Planning Coordinator

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Enclosure

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