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U.S. Department of Transportation

July 29, 2011

Mr. Kevin Keith, Director Missouri Department of Transportation P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

RE: FTA/FHWA Approval of the Statewide (Non MPO)
Portion of the Missouri FY 2012-2016 State
Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Dear Mr. Keith:

As requested in your letter dated July 13, 2011, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the statewide Missouri FY 2012-2016 (STIP). In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218(b), we have determined that this STIP 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.

Our approval is conditioned upon the MoDOT amending the STIP with the following additional documentation regarding design and scoping projects. As agreed recently with the MoDOT Transportation Planning, the first page of Section 3 will include the following two sentences at the end of the first paragraph. "These commitments won't be made until the NEPA process is completed. These projects are being included in the STIP for informational purposes and subsequent phases are beyond the STIP horizon period. This action will need to be taken in order for the FHWA Missouri Division to sign off on any NEPA determination and MoDOT to concur with a programmatic Categorical Exclusion (CE)."

This STIP approval is also given with the understanding that the MoDOT practice of converting Advanced Construction (AC) projects to Federal funding prior to the programmed year of AC conversion requires MoDOT to complete a STIP modification action that includes documentation of the basis for ensuring fiscal constraint. In order to accomplish this, the MoDOT Financial Services will submit the completed modification information package to the MoDOT Transportation Planning and FHWA Missouri Division Office monthly. The commitment to complete the modification should be clearly documented in the FMIS data base at the time of the Federal-aid project agreement modification request.

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 Joni Roeseler at FTA (816) 329-3936, or

Sincerely,

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