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September 30, 2010

FHWA/FTA Approval of the FY
2011-2014 Kansas STIP

Ms. Deb Miller
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Dear Ms. Miller:

As requested by your September 29, 2010 letter, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the FY 2011-2014 Kansas Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Based on our review, we find that the STIP is based on a statewide 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. We also find that the referenced metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) are consistent with the metropolitan transportation plans produced by the continuing and comprehensive transportation process carried out by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and the public transportation operators in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303. This finding is based on MPO and KDOT self-certifications, our involvement in the State and MPO transportation planning processes, formal certification reviews, as well as other activities. During the previous year, these activities included a formal certification review of the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), a planning review of the Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization's (MTPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), a formal process review of the Kansas STIP, as well as frequent participation in MPO policy and technical committee meetings.

The STIP is hereby approved. This approval shall expire four years from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Byron Low of FHWA at (785) 271-2448, or Joan Roeseler of FTA at (816) 329-3936.

Sincerely Yours,

Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
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J. Michael Bowen, P.E.
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September 29, 2010

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Dear Mr. Bowen:

Subject: Request for Approval of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) document for federal fiscal years 2011-2014

Federal law requires states to prepare a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) document and the law further requires that a draft STIP document be available for public comment for a thirty day period. September 17, 2010 concluded the comment period for the State of Kansas draft STIP publication for federal fiscal years 2011-2014.

The STIP provides a list of all street and highway projects, regardless of funding source, that are administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and that will have funds obligated within the next four federal fiscal years. The STIP, also, provides an index of projects using advanced construction funding with the estimated conversion dates and the estimated conversion amounts for these projects. Additionally, the STIP includes Public Transportation projects; Federal Lands Highway Program projects that are administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the Metropolitan Transportation projects by reference of the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) of the five urbanized areas in Kansas. For projects developed after the preparation of the STIP document, KDOT will use the amendment process in place to amend projects to the STIP. Projects in the STIP are consistent with the Kansas Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan adopted on June 19, 2008.

To demonstrate fiscal constraint, the STIP provides program financing information by year for the four federal fiscal years 2011-2014 and provides a total of advance construction funding for all years that have used or expect to use advance construction funding. Each year of expected obligation is either less than or equal to the expected federal appropriations for that year. When expected obligation for a year is less than the federal appropriation for that year, it is KDOT's intent to convert advance construction funding to regular federal funding to equal the difference. This will assure that expected obligation and expected appropriation are balanced.

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Enclosed are copies of the federal fiscal year 2011-2014 STIP document. Also enclosed is a copy of Kansas' State Self Certification. By this letter the State of Kansas requests approval of our federal fiscal year 2011-2014 STIP document from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Please forward any questions or comments concerning this letter or the STIP to Lanny Campbell or Linda Fritton, Bureau of Program and Project Management, at (785) 296-3526.

Sincerely,



Deb Miller
Secretary of Transportation

Enclosures

State Self Certification

The Kansas Department of Transportation certifies that the statewide transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, and 23 CFR Part 450;
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
3. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
4. Section 1101(b) of the SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
5. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
6. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27,37, and 38;
7. In States containing nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93;
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
9. Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deb Miller", is written over a horizontal line.

9/17/2010

Deb Miller
Secretary of Transportation

Date