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Subject: FHWA/FTA Approval of the
FY 2013-2016 Kansas STIP

Dear Mr. King:

As requested by your September 26th, 2012 letter, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the FY 2013-2016 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, cooperative, 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 regular involvement in the State and MPO transportation planning processes, formal certification reviews, as well as other activities.

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 Paul Foundoukis of FHWA at (785) 271-2448, or Claudia Hill of FTA at (816) 329-3940.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Ahmad:

Subject: Request for Approval of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for federal fiscal years 2013 - 2016

Federal law requires states to prepare a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the law further requires that a draft STIP be available for public comment for a 30-day period. September 14, 2012 concluded the comment period for the State of Kansas draft STIP for federal fiscal years 2013-2016.

Projects in the STIP are consistent with the Kansas Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan adopted on June 19, 2008, whose three guiding principles are preserving the highway system, improving the safety of travel in Kansas and supporting economic growth. The STIP is divided into two sections: the appendixes and the narrative. The project appendixes list projects in counties and cities as well as those on the State Highway System, regardless of funding source that are administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and that are anticipated to have funds obligated within the next four federal fiscal years and during the interim comment period of the STIP. The advanced construction appendix lists all projects including those in Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) areas that are being advanced constructed and provides the estimated conversion date(s) and the estimated conversion amount(s) for each. The narrative section briefly describes KDOT's program financing anticipated for the STIP years including fiscal constraint, public involvement and project selection processes and KDOT's public transportation program.

Additionally, within the STIP narrative are brief descriptions of programs administered by agencies other than KDOT. These programs are the Federal Lands Highway Program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Recreational Trails Program administered by Kansas Wildlife, Parks & Tourism and the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) administered by each of the MPOs for the five urbanized areas of Kansas. In addition to the printed document, the STIP is available for review online at KDOT's web site (<http://www.ksdot.org/publications.asp>). For project changes or development after the preparation of the STIP, KDOT will use the STIP amendment process.

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Enclosed are copies of the federal fiscal year 2013 - 2016 STIP, to which the current, signed Kansas' State Self Certification has been inserted. By this letter, the State of Kansas requests approval of our federal fiscal year 2013 - 2016 STIP 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 Linda Fritton or Chuck Protasio, Bureau of Program and Project Management, at (785) 296-2252.

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State Self-Certification

The Kansas Department of Transportation certifies that the statewide transportation planning process is being implemented 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 MAP-21 (P.L. 112-141) 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 non-attainment 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.

Mike King
Secretary of Transportation

9-17-12

Date