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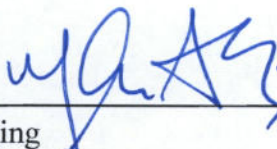


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State Self-Certification

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. 1210, *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.


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September 30, 2015

Mike King
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Topeka, KS 66603

Subject: FHWA/FTA Approval of the
FY 2016-2019 Kansas STIP

Dear Secretary King:

As requested by your September 28, 2015 letter, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the FY 2016-2019 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 FY 2016-2019 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) 273-2655 or Daniel Nguyen of FTA at (816) 329-3938.

Sincerely yours,

Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
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J. Michael Bowen, P.E.
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Mr. J. Michael Bowen
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Dear Mr. Bowen:

Subject: Request for Approval of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2016-2019

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 thirty-day period. The comment period for the State of Kansas draft STIP for FFYs 2016-2019 concluded on September 11, 2015.

Projects in the STIP are consistent with the June 2008 Kansas Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan, 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. 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 public involvement process, project selection criteria, program financing (including the fiscal constraint for the years of the STIP) and public transportation program criteria.

Additionally, within the STIP narrative are brief descriptions of programs administered by entities other than KDOT. These programs are the Federal Lands & Tribal Transportation programs administered by the Office of Federal Lands Highway and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Recreational Trails, a set-aside program of the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives program administered by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism; and the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) administered by each of the MPOs for the six urbanized areas of Kansas. In addition to the printed document, the STIP is available for review online at <http://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/burProgProjMgmt/stip/stip.asp>. For project changes or developments that occur after the STIP is prepared, KDOT will use the STIP amendment process. Amendments are also available for review online and are located under the specific STIP year being amended.

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For federal funding, apportionments are estimated based upon the funding level received in FFY 2014 without inflation. The non-inflated apportionment estimate allows for a degree of conservatism to be built into the four-year projections. Included in the estimated obligations are the conversions for projects authorized with advance construction that are expected to convert during the four federal fiscal years. Each year of total expected obligation is either less than or equal to the total expected federal appropriations for that year. In general, when expected obligation for a year is less than the federal appropriation for that year, KDOT's intent is to convert projects authorized with advance construction to equal the difference. The conversion of advance construction will assure that expected obligation and expected appropriation are balanced. Additionally, for FFYs 2018 and 2019, project selection and programming has not been completed, resulting in anticipated obligations being lower than anticipated apportionments in some groupings. Under the new state transportation program, Transportation Works for Kansas (T-WORKS), projects are selected on a rolling two-year basis. As a result, the majority of the 2018 and 2019 projects have not yet been selected for construction.

Enclosed are copies of the FFYs 2016-2019 STIP with the current, signed Kansas State Self-Certification inserted. By this letter, the State of Kansas requests approval of our FFYs 2016-2019 STIP from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

Please forward 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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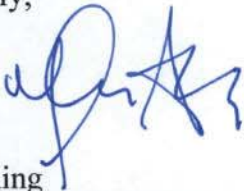
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike King", is written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Mike King
Secretary of Transportation

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