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Subject: FHWA/FTA Approval of the
FY 2012-2015 Kansas STIP

Dear Ms. Miller:

As requested by your September 23rd, 2011 letter, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the FY 2012-2015 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. During the previous year, these activities included a certification review of the Wichita Transportation Management Area.

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 Daniel Nguyen of FTA at (816) 329-3938.

Sincerely yours,

Mokhtee Ahmad
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Dear Mr. Bowen:

Subject: Request for Approval of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) document for federal fiscal years 2012-2015

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 16, 2011 concluded the comment period for the State of Kansas draft STIP publication for federal fiscal years 2012-2015.

Projects in the STIP are consistent with the Kansas Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan adopted on June 19, 2008, which has three guiding principles of preserving the highway system, making travel in Kansas safer and supporting economic growth. The STIP provides an index of all street and highway projects, regardless of funding source, administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) that will have funds obligated within the next four federal fiscal years and during the interim comment period of the STIP. Also included in the STIP is an index of projects using advanced construction that provides the estimated conversion date(s) and the estimated conversion amount(s) of projects using advanced construction. Additionally, the STIP includes the public transit program; Federal Lands Highway Program projects administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and includes metropolitan transportation projects by reference of the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) in place for each 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.

To demonstrate fiscal constraint, the STIP provides program financing anticipated at the state and federal levels. The state fund information is on a state fiscal year basis and the federal fund information is on a federal fiscal year basis as this is how funds for each are distributed respectively. A Cash-Flow Worksheet based on the state fiscal year is provided that illustrates the anticipated revenues and expenditures for the state during the years of the STIP. In the Cash-Flow Worksheet, the anticipated revenues include all revenue sources (state, federal, local & other) and all expenditures, which include fixed and variable costs. Additionally, for federal funds, the table "Federal Fiscal Years 2012-2015 Estimated Apportionments and Obligations" is provided. The table provides by fund category the

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Enclosed are copies of the federal fiscal year 2012-2015 STIP document included in the front of this document is the current signed Kansas' State Self Certification. By this letter, the State of Kansas requests approval of our federal fiscal year 2012-2015 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) 296-2252.

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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 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.



9-14-11

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Secretary of Transportation

Date