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August 30, 2023

Mr. Patrick K. McKenna

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Attn: Mike Henderson

Missouri Department of Transportation

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Dear Mr. McKenna:

At its August 30, 2023 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the corresponding air quality conformity determination for the St. Louis metropolitan area, and the metropolitan planning process certification.

Attached are copies of the FY 2024-2027 TIP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation for your review and consideration. The TIP includes the self certification statement with regard to the metropolitan transportation planning process (see Appendix A). The St. Louis metropolitan TIP must be approved by the Governor. We hereby request that you seek this approval and include the metropolitan TIP in the Missouri Statewide TIP. We also request that you forward these documents to the United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region VII, Federal Highway Administration - Missouri Division, and Federal Transit Administration - Region VII.

If you have any questions regarding the TIP, do not hesitate to contact Jason Lange at jason.lange@ewgateway.org.

Sincerely,

Rachael Pawlak

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August 31, 2023

The Honorable Michael L. Parson
Governor of Missouri
State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Parson:

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area on August 30, 2023. Included, with the TIP, is the annual self-certification of the planning process between the East-West Gateway Council of Governments and MoDOT as required under 23 CFR 450.334. This self-certification is based on review of day-to-day work coordination, the review of work products and the planning process review. We are satisfied the federal requirements have been met in the development of this TIP, including the opportunity for the general public to comment on projects.

Enclosed is a copy of the TIP for your review. We request approval at your earliest convenience, so project authorization can proceed in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Sincerely,


Patrick K. McKenna
Director

Enclosure

Approved: 
Governor of Missouri

Date: 9-11-23



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September 13, 2023

Mr. Kevin Ward
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Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
901 Locust, Room 404
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Dear Messrs. Ward and Ahmad:

SUBJECT: St. Louis Metropolitan Area
FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program
East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG)
Approval to Incorporate into FY 2024-2028 STIP
Approval of Self-Certification
Approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination

As required by the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Governor Parson has approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis urbanized area. The TIP covers transit, highway, bridge, and enhancement projects for fiscal years 2024-2027 from transit operators, local governments and various agencies.

Enclosed is a copy of the Governor's approval letter and supporting documentation. The EWG Board of Directors approved the TIP on August 30, 2023. Included in Appendix A of the TIP is the annual self-certification of the planning process between EWG and MoDOT as required in 23 CFR 450.336. This self-certification is based on review of day-to-day work coordination, the review of work products and the planning process review. The annual Air Quality Conformity Determination is also included in this submittal. All public involvement considerations have been met and fiscal constraint has been ensured.

We request approval of incorporating this TIP into the FY 2024-2028 STIP, approval of the Self-Certification, and approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Henderson

Michael E. Henderson, AICP
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Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad
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901 Locust Street, Room 404
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Mr. Ahmad:

This letter responds to your September 20, 2023, request for review and conclusion regarding the Air Quality Conformity Determination for 8-Hour Ozone and Particulate Matter_{2.5} for the St. Louis area. The conformity determination relates to the St. Louis Region FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the conformity determination on August 30, 2023.

The conformity determination and supporting documents were reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the EPA finds the conformity determination analysis meets the requirements of the Transportation Conformity Regulations (40 CFR Part 93).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jason Heitman at (913) 551-7664, or by email at heitman.jason@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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October 10, 2023

Mr. Patrick McKenna, Director
Missouri Department of Transportation
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RE: FTA/FHWA Approval of Amendment to the Missouri FY 2024-2028 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Related Amendments to the Connected 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for the St. Louis Region, and the EWGCOG/MoDOT Self-Certification.

Dear Mr. McKenna:

As requested in your letter dated September 13, 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the requested amendment to the FY 2024-2028 Missouri State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis metropolitan planning area. The EWGCOG Board of Directors approved the TIP on August 30, 2023. The Missouri Governor approved the STIP amendment for the 2024-2027 TIP update on September 11, 2023. This TIP includes transit, street, highway, enhancement, and aviation projects.

The FHWA and the FTA have determined that the EWGCOG Air Quality Conformity Determination, dated September 20, 2023, meets the Transportation Conformity analysis requirements of the Transportation Conformity Regulation (40 CFR Part 93). This determination concluded that the projects and programs included in the St. Louis Region's FY 2024-2027 TIP and related amendments/updates to the Connected 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, meet all relevant regional emissions analysis and tests for eight-hour ozone standard and PM2.5 standard and are in conformity with the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and related Federal regulations.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218(b) and 450.328(a) and (b), we have determined that this STIP amendment 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. Based on our review, this STIP amendment request is approved.

The FY 2024-2027 TIP includes the EWGCOG and MoDOT's Self Certification of the St. Louis metropolitan areas' transportation planning process as required under 23 CFR 450.334. Based on our review of the regional air quality analysis and conformity determination process, our planning work product reviews and monitoring activities throughout the year, we concur that the St. Louis metropolitan planning area's transportation planning process meets all applicable Federal requirements outlined in the executed annual self-certification statement.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Daniel Nguyen of FTA at (816) 329-3938 or Cecelie Cochran and Dan Weitkamp of FHWA at (573) 638-2605.

Sincerely,



Mokhtee Ahmad
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

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October 11, 2023

Mr. Tom Caldwell
Metropolitan Planning Manager
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Re: FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

At its August 30, 2023 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' (EWG) Board of Directors approved the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and corresponding air quality conformity determination for the St. Louis metropolitan area. ONEDOT approved these documents on October 10, 2023.

The ONEDOT approval letter, final FY 2024-2027 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination are attached. The TIP includes the self certification statement with regard to the metropolitan transportation planning process (see Appendix A of TIP). We hereby request that you include the metropolitan TIP in the Illinois Statewide TIP.

If you have any questions regarding the TIP, do not hesitate to contact Jason Lange at jason.lange@ewgateway.org.

Sincerely,

Rachael Pawlak
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October 11, 2023

Ms. Kelley Brookins
Federal Transit Administration
Department of Transportation
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Chicago, Illinois 60603

Attention: Anthony Greep

Dear Ms. Brookins:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.324 are copies of the new FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the East-West Gateway Council of Governments. The MPO Board approved the new TIP and corresponding air quality determination at its August 30, 2023 meeting.

We consider the estimate of costs included in these Transportation Improvement Programs to be realistic. We concur with the fiscal consistency analysis included in the TIPs. The total cost of the TIPs remains consistent with the amount of funds expected to be available to this area during the TIP time periods. The Department, on behalf of the Governor of Illinois, concurs with the projects listed in these TIPs.

The State of Illinois would also like to amend its FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate these newly adopted Transportation Improvement Programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael E. Vanderhoof".

Michael E. Vanderhoof
Bureau Chief Planning



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Subject: East West Gateway Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program Approval

Dear Mr. Vanderhoof:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have jointly reviewed and approve the following Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program as submitted with your letter dated October 11, 2023, noted below as an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

<u>MPO Area</u>	<u>Years Covered</u>	<u>Policy Board Approval</u>
East-West Gateway	FY24-27	August 30, 2023

Based on the FHWA, Illinois Division and FTA Region 5 ongoing oversight of the planning activities for the subject MPOs, we find that the transportation planning process of these regions substantially meets the planning requirements described in 23 CFR 450. We may now consider project authorization requests related to these STIP amendments.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Betsy Tracy, FHWA at (217) 492-4642.

Sincerely,

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