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August 28, 2024

Mr. Patrick K. McKenna  
Director  
Attn: Mike Henderson  
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Re: FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination

Dear Mr. McKenna:

At its August 28, 2024 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved the FY 2025-2028 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 2025-2028 TIP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation for your review and consideration. The TIP includes the self-certification statement for 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 Melissa Theiss at [melissa.theiss@ewgateway.org](mailto:melissa.theiss@ewgateway.org).

Sincerely,

Rachael Pawlak  
Senior Manager

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September 3, 2024

Mr. Kevin Ward  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
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Mr. Mark Bechtel  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
901 Locust, Room 404  
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Messrs. Ward and Bechtel:

SUBJECT: St. Louis Metropolitan Area  
FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program  
East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG)  
Approval to Incorporate into FY 2025-2029 STIP  
Approval of Self-Certification  
Approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination

In fulfillment of the requirements of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Governor Parson delegated authority for approval of MPO TIPs and TIP Amendments to MoDOT for the remainder of his term.

Enclosed is a copy of the Governor's delegation letter and supporting documentation. The EWG Board of Directors approved the FY 2025-2028 TIP and self-certification on August 28, 2024. 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 the EWG TIP into the 2025-2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Ed Hassinger, P.E.  
Interim Director

Enclosure

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March 12, 2024

The Honorable Michael L. Parson  
Governor, State of Missouri  
Room 216  
State Capitol Building  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Governor Parson,

Federal regulations enacted in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (**FAST**), and continued in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (**IJA**), require state governors to approve certain transportation-related documents.

In the past, the Missouri Department of Transportation has acted on behalf of the Governor of the State of Missouri to conduct all staff work related to transportation, to act as a liaison between the State of Missouri and other entities on transportation issues, and to approve transportation-related planning matters. In the past, this mechanism has been advantageous to the State and other stakeholders for a number of reasons, including not limited to:

- Streamlining of approval processes;
- Expertise and involvement in the processes;
- Cost savings; and,
- Federal regulation and member designated projects (earmarks) familiarity.

Based on our past successes in administering the program in this manner, I hereby request your concurrence with continuing this practice for the duration of your term as Governor of the State of Missouri.

Sincerely,

Patrick K. McKenna  
Director

APPROVED:

  
GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI

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September 26, 2024

Mr. Mark Bechtel  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
901 Locust Street, Room 404  
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Dear Mr. Bechtel:

This letter responds to your September 4, 2024, request for review and conclusion regarding the Air Quality Conformity Determination for 8-Hour Ozone and Particulate Matter<sub>2.5</sub> for the St. Louis area. The conformity determination relates to the St. Louis Region FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors approved the conformity determination on August 28, 2024.

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](mailto:heitman.jason@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

**DANA  
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Dana Skelley  
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Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
3220 West Edgewood, Suite H  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

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September 30, 2024

Mr. Ed Hassinger, Interim Director  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
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RE: FTA/FHWA Approval of Amendment to the Missouri FY 2025-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the Incorporation of the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2025-2028 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. Hassinger:

As requested in your letter dated September 3, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the requested amendment to the FY 2025-2029 Missouri State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWGCOG) FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the St. Louis metropolitan planning area. The EWGCOG Board of Directors approved the TIP on August 28, 2024. The Missouri Governor designated signature authority for the duration of term to Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) on March 14, 2024. MoDOT has approved the EWG FY2025-2028 TIP based on that authority. 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 26, 2024, 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 2025-2028 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 2025-2028 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 Gerri Doyle of FTA Region VII at (816) 329-3928 or Cecelie Cochran and Dan Weitkamp of FHWA at (573) 638-2605.

Sincerely,

*Cecelie Cochran*

For: Carrie Butler  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration

For: Kevin W. Ward, P.E.  
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October 29, 2024

Mr. Tom Caldwell  
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Illinois Department of Transportation  
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Re: FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

At its August 28, 2024 meeting, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' (EWG) Board of Directors approved the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and corresponding air quality conformity determination for the St. Louis metropolitan area. ONEDOT approved these documents on September 30, 2024.

The ONEDOT approval letter, final FY 2025-2028 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination are attached. The TIP includes the self-certification statement for 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 Melissa Theiss at [melissa.theiss@ewgateway.org](mailto:melissa.theiss@ewgateway.org).

Sincerely,

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November 18, 2024

In Reply Refer To:  
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Subject: Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program Approvals

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 Programs as submitted with your letters on October 29, 2024 and November 1, 2024 noted below as an amendment to the FY 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

<u>MPO Area</u>	<u>Years Covered</u>	<u>Policy Board Approval</u>
Kankakee-KATS	FY 25-28	June 26, 2024
St. Louis-EWGCOG	FY 25-28	August 28, 2024
Beloit-SLATS	FY 25-28	October 15, 2024

Based on the FHWA Illinois Division and FTA Region V 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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