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April 14, 2009

Mr. Pete K Rahn, Director
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Re: FHWA/FTA Approval of Amendment to the Missouri FY 2009-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate the Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization Modification of the FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Rahn:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) request to incorporate the Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization's (JATSO) modification of their FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as further described in your letter of April 10, 2009, as an amendment to the FY 2009-2013 Missouri Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The modification to be amended into the STIP involves the addition of two new MoDOT highway projects and one local transit project. All three transportation projects are being funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) funding and are located within an economically distressed area (EDA).

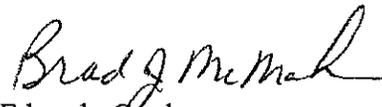
The JATSO Policy Board approved the TIP amendments on March 26, 2009. The Missouri Governor approved the JATSO amendment on April 10, 2009.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218(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.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brad McMahon at FHWA (573) 638-2609 or Joni Roeseler at FTA (816) 329-3936.

Sincerely,


Mokhtee Ahmad
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Dear Messrs. Cordero and Ahmad:

SUBJECT: Joplin Metropolitan Area
FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program
Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization (JATSO)
Approval to Incorporate TIP Amendment into FY 2009-2013 STIP

As required by the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for the 21st Century, Governor Nixon has approved the TIP amendment which includes the addition of two MoDOT projects and one local transit project for the Joplin area.

Enclosed is a copy of the Governor's approval letter and supporting documentation. The JATSO Policy Board approved the TIP amendment on March 26, 2009. All public involvement considerations were met and fiscal constraint has been ensured.

We request approval of incorporating this TIP amendment into the FY 2009-2013 STIP at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Curtit
Long-Range Transportation Planning Coordinator

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Enclosure

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Project Information							Funding Details											TIP Coordination				
County	Route	Job No	Tentative Award MPO Fiscal Year	Tentative Award State Fiscal Year	Description of Location / Improvement / Funding	Requested Additional Funds	2009 Funds	2010 Funds	2011 Funds	2012 Funds	Award Savings	Other	"Other" Source	Federal Share	AC (State) Share	State Share	Local Share	AC Conversion SFY	Previous ONEDOT approval	MPO Name	TIP#	In TIP?
Jasper	Rte. FF	7U0605B	2009	2009	Intersection improvements at Rte FF and Prigmor Avenue.	\$2,235,000	\$2,235,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$249,000	\$1,986,000	ARRA and MoDOT award savings (2009)	\$1,986,000	\$0	\$249,000	\$0	-	No	JATSO	46H-09	Yes
Newton	Rte. FF	7S2161	2009	2009	Capacity improvements on Rte FF from US 71 to Prigmor Avenue.	\$2,235,000	\$2,235,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$130,000	\$2,105,000	ARRA and MoDOT award savings (2009)	\$2,105,000	\$0	\$130,000	\$0	-	No	JATSO	47H-09	Yes
Jasper	Transit	NA	2009	2009	Provide benches and shelters for riders at trolley stops at various locations.	\$525,750	\$525,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$525,750	ARRA	\$525,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	No	JATSO	-	Yes