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In Reply Refer To:  
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Subject: Approval of Fiscal Years 2014-2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Degges:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the Tennessee Department of Transportation's (TDOT) fiscal years (FY) 2014-2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the associated Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for nine of Tennessee's eleven metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).

The FHWA Tennessee Division and FTA Region IV partially approve TDOT's FY2014-2017 STIP for the portions covering the non-metropolitan areas and the portions covering the metropolitan areas for the following nine MPOs:

- Bristol Metropolitan Planning Organization,
- Chattanooga-Hamilton County / North Georgia Transportation Planning Organization,
- Clarksville Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization,
- Cleveland Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization,
- Jackson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization,
- Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization,
- Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization,
- Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, and
- Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The following MPOs have not submitted their TIPs for Federal approval and are considered to be in a "TIP Lapse" until FHWA and FTA review and approve each organization's FY2014-2017 program:

- Johnson City Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization and
- Kingsport Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization.

The December 18, 2013 approval for the FY2014-2017 STIP supersedes the November 05, 2010 approval for the FY2011-2014 STIP and shall remain in effect through September 30, 2017.

Any metropolitan TIP submitted to FHWA and FTA after the Federal STIP approval date will

require a separate approval action. The Johnson City and Kingsport MPOs will not be able to amend any projects in their TIPs until those programs are included in the FY2014-2017 STIP.

The FHWA Tennessee Division and FTA Region IV Office appreciate TDOT and the MPOs' efforts to provide a timely, fiscally-constrained STIP submittal that meets public involvement and certification requirements. If you have any questions regarding this approval, or if we can be of any assistance to your agency, please contact Corbin Davis from the FHWA Tennessee Division at (615) 781-5767 or Holly Peterson from the FTA Region IV Office at (404) 865-5600.

Sincerely,



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