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Ms. Cecilia Crenshaw
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Re: FY 2008-11 TIP Amendments for Nashville Area MPO

(1) TIP # 2008-19-085	Dickerson Pike Streetscape – MDHA
(2) TIP # 2008-86-086	Safe Routes to School Bucket – MPO
(3) TIP # 2008-89-087	Transportation Enhancement Bucket – MPO
(4) TIP # 2004-010	Central Business District Sidewalks – City of Springfield
(5) TIP # 2008-013	LaVergne – Murfreesboro Road (SR-1)
(6) TIP # 2008-014	TMA Group – Ridesharing/Clean Air Partnership

Dear Ms. Crenshaw:

I am attaching Amendment 17 to the State's Transportation Improvement Program, which include numbers (1) – (6) consisting of Amendment #4 to the Nashville TIP. Additional amendments listed on the MPO amendment request cover letter will be addressed by the TDOT Transit office.

The following information is included:

1. A checklist indicating that all requirements for amendments were met. This checklist is based on submitted assurances from the Nashville Metropolitan Transportation Organization and were not independently verified by this office where verification could not be achieved with the items submitted.

2. A letter from the MPO listing the amendments being made. The letter states that the changes leave the plan financially constrained. We have independently verified these figures and agree with this statement.

3. A resolution, properly signed by the TIP Chairman of the MPO Executive Board and the MPO director.

4. A Transportation Conformity Checklist.

5. Individual project sheets for each project. In the case of amended or adjusted projects, there are two sheets. One is labeled "original" and shows the project funding prior to the amendment/adjustment. The other is labeled "revised" and shows the project funding following the amendment/adjustment.

6. A conformity determination for the Nashville Long Range Transportation Plan.

7. Two sets of financial summary sheets. One shows the funds disposition prior to the amendments. The second sheet shows the funds disposition after the changes to the TIP.

8. A spreadsheet showing the individual projects and each of the fund groups where there is a change.

The Nashville MPO has provided documentation that the public involvement process was followed and this amendment leaves the TIP financially constrained.

Based on a review of the attached material, we believe that the MPO has followed appropriate procedures and met all requirements necessary to permit approval of this amendment and request your concurrence with this assessment.

I trust this information is sufficient to allow approval of the presented amendments. If we need to provide any additional information please contact me at 615-741-5314 or Teresa.estes@state.tn.us

Sincerely,

Teresa Estes

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