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Dear Scott:

Thank you for meeting with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Indiana Division to discuss Practical Design, on March 27, 2014. We also appreciate being invited to the Practical Design workshop, on February 20th as well as the trip to visit with the Missouri Department of Transportation, February 21, 2014.

We believe the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT's) implementation of Practical Design will improve the overall safety and performance of highways in Indiana. Practical Design encourages design flexibility, project –scope based decisions, and a focus on system performance. The expected outcome is more projects that make highways better, rather than fewer projects that make some locations great.

FHWA supports your effort to improve system performance using the finite resources available. We believe it also aligns with the latest federal highway legislation titled, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century or MAP-21. MAP-21 requires States to begin to develop performance-based surface transportation programs that focus scarce resources on improvements that will provide the greatest benefit.

As INDOT works to implement Practical Design, please let us know how we can assist you. Our point-of-contact will be our Senior Design and Construction Transportation Engineer, Ms. Eryn Fletcher. She can be reached at 317-226-7489, or eryn.fletcher@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Marquis
Division Administrator

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