October 10, 2014

Larry Buckel, Manager
Office of Transit
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N955-LP
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2216

Re: FY2014-2017 Indiana Transit STIP Amendment #27, dated October 2, 2014

Dear Mr. Buckel:

We have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment request you submitted via correspondence dated October 2, 2014. The request adds projects pursuant to changes made to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The amended TIP has been endorsed by the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The projects listed in the attached STIP amendment table (Attachment 1) are eligible for FTA funding.

We have determined that the amendments to the TIP and STIP are financially constrained and consistent with the relevant MPO and statewide transportation plans. The projects were developed in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450, and are exempt from the air quality conformity determination process. The project additions are approved for the FY2014-2017 STIP.

If you have any questions concerning this STIP amendment approval, please contact Reginald Arkell at (312) 886-3704. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marisol R. Simón
Regional Administrator

Attachment: FY2014-2017 INDOT STIP Table Amendment #27

Cc: Seyed Shokouhzadeh, Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Ms. Marisol R. Simon  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
200 West Adams Street, Suite 320  
Chicago, IL 60606

RE: FY2014 - FY2017 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transit Amendment #27

Dear Ms. Simon;

Please find attached a Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP amendment which must be approved and included into the FY 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program. We will reflect by reference the 2013 - 2017 federal aid projects covered by this approval in our 2014 - 2017 STIP. The amendment is for the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization. The resolution number the Evansville amendment is 14-1.

We have determined that the proposed amendments are: 1) consistent with the transportation plan; 2) the TIP remains fiscally constrained in that federal funding resources are sufficient to support the new or modified projects and 3) conform to state and national air quality standards as required by the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

We request your review and approval of the subject amendment. Please contact me at (317) 232-5292 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Buckel  
Manager  
Office of Transit

CC: Reggie Arkell, FTA
March 7, 2014

Mr. Emmanuel Nsongwu  
MPO Coordinator  
Office of LPA/MPO and Grant Administration  
Indiana Department of Transportation  
100 N Senate Avenue N955  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Mr. John W. Moore, Director  
Division of Planning  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
200 Meri Street, Station W5-05-01  
Frankfort, KY 40622

Dear Sirs:

The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization has amended the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following projects.

Vanderburgh County requested the following amendment:

Des# 1400549  Green River Road: Road widening project from Kansas Road to Boonville-New Harmony Road. Revise project estimates and change construction funding from local to federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding with local match. Revise project construction schedule to reflect construction beyond the TIP timeframe. Preliminary Engineering (PE) costs of $750,000 in fiscal 2014 will be funded locally. Right of Way (ROW) costs of $1,500,000 in fiscal 2015 will be funded locally. Construction costs to complete, totaling $7,850,000 will be funded 80% with federal STP funds, and a 20% local match.

The Evansville MPO requested the following amendments:

Des# 1400170  Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program: Add Evansville ARC project to purchase a modified van. The total vehicle cost of $38,920 will be funded 80% with federal transit funds, and a 20% agency match.

Des# 1400171  Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program: Add Evansville Association for the Blind project to purchase a modified van with lift. The total vehicle cost of $48,351 will be funded 80% with federal transit funds, and a 20% agency match.
Des# 1400172  Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program: Add Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center project to purchase a modified body on chassis vehicle with lift. The total vehicle cost of $51,000 will be funded 80% with federal transit funds, and a 20% agency match.

The Intergency Consultation Group was consulted regarding the proposed amendments. No air quality conformity determination was deemed necessary.

The Evansville MPO Policy Committee approved the amendments at their March 6, 2014 meeting. The amendment resolution and public notice information are attached. The revised document is available at www.evansvillempo.com.

Thank you for your assistance and should you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (812) 436-7833.

Sincerely,

Seyed Shokouhizadeh
Executive Director

SS/CSL

cc:  Sherry Curry, KYTC  
Bermadette DuPont, KY – FHWA  
Tony Maietta, US EPA Region V  
Kevin McCleara, KYTC  
Shawn Seals, IDEM  
Jose Sepulveda, KY – FHWA  
Tony Greep, FTA – Region 5  
Michelle Allen, IN- FHWA  
Ron Rigney, KYTC  
Steve Ross, KYTC  
Vicky Bourne, KYTC  
Robert Buckley, FTA – Region 4  
Jiten Shah, GRADD  
Jaclyn Schmitt, INDOT
RESOLUTION NO. 14-1

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S FY 2013 - 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization is the organization designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 (Federal-Aid Highway planning requirements), and capable of meeting the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 1603(a) (Federal Transit planning requirements) in the Evansville Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration guidelines contained in Federal Register 40, No. 181, September 17, 1975, require endorsement by the policy body of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of a Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Element as a prerequisite to expenditure of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit funds; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee is the policy body of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes expenditure of funds for highway projects; and

WHEREAS, proposed expenditures of Federal-Aid Highway and Federal Transit funds for the Evansville Urbanized Area are contained in the Transportation Improvement Program for the Evansville Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the MPO consulted with the Interagency Consultation Group and the agencies concurred in the MPO finding that the TIP amendment projects are within the non-attainment area are exempt, per 40 CFR 93.126 & 127, and there is no need to update the conformity analysis or issue a new conformity finding; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Public Participation Plan does not require a separate public involvement meeting for TIP amendments, and the public participation procedure was followed; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will result in a TIP that remains fiscally constrained; and

WHEREAS, any changes to Kentucky non-dedicated funds projects have been requested by KYTC. The required funds will become part of the KY STIP end of fiscal year "fiscal constraint" recalculations; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization from time to time amends its Transportation Improvement Program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization's FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program is amended as follows:

Project 1:
- Des# 1400549: Green River Road: Road widening from Kansas Road to Boonville-New Harmony Road. Revise estimates, schedule and change construction funding from local to federal STP.
- PE FY 2014 Total Cost - $750,000 Federal - $0 State - $0 Local - $750,000
- ROW FY 2015 Total Cost - $1,500,000 Federal - $0 State - $0 Local - $1,500,000
- CN Cost to complete Total Cost - $7,850,000 Federal - $6,280,000 State - $0 Local - $1,570,000

Project 2:
- Des# 1400170: ARC: Modified van purchase. Add project.
- FY 2014 Total Cost - $38,920 Federal - $31,136 State - $0 Local - $7,784

RESOLUTION NO. 14-1
Project 3:
Des# 1400171: Evansville Association for the Blind: Modified van with lift purchase. Add project.
FY 2014          Total Cost - $48,351  Federal - $38,681  State - $0  Local - $9,670

Project 4:
Des# 1400172: Easter Seals: Modified body on chassis vehicle with lift purchase. Add project.
FY 2014          Total Cost - $51,000  Federal - $40,800  State - $0  Local - $10,200

ADOPTED by the Policy Committee of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization on this 6th day of March, 2014.

Mr. Jack Corn, Jr., Chairperson
Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee
Evansville MPO 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments:

Public review and comment is being sought by the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) concerning proposed amendments to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Evansville-Henderson Urbanized Area as described below:

Vanderburgh County requested the following amendment:

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The proposed amendments will be acted on at the EMPO Policy Committee Meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in Room 301 of the Evansville Civic Center Complex located at 1 N.W. MLK Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708.

Public comments on the proposed TIP amendments may be made by phone to the EMPO office at (812) 436-7833, by e-mail at comments@evansvillempo.com or by mail addressed to Craig Luebke, Evansville MPO, Civic Center Complex, Room 316, 1 N.W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Evansville, IN 47708-1833. Comments will be received until March 5, 2014.
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