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In Reply Refer To:
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Mr. Jim Stark
Deputy Commissioner
Planning & Project Management
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Stark:

We have completed our review of Amendment #10-31 to the FY 2010-2013 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as transmitted by the Indiana Department of Transportation's letter dated December 3, 2010. This request is to include Section 4 of the I-69 project, from US 231 to SR 37, in the department's 2010-2013 STIP.

On November 5, 2010, the Bloomington MPO amended its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the portion of Section 4 of I-69, within the MPO's planning area. However, the TIP was amended to only include preliminary engineering and right-of-way activities. Construction activities were not approved.

Consistent with the MPO's action and with your request, FHWA is approving preliminary engineering and right-of-way activities for Section 4 of I-69, within the Bloomington MPO planning area boundary.

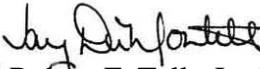
At the same time, FHWA is also approving your request for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction activities for I-69, from US 231 to the Bloomington MPO planning area boundary.

It has been noted that the current total estimated cost for this project exceeds \$500,000,000. Federal regulation requires that projects that have a total construction cost of \$500,000,000 or more develop and submit to FHWA a project management plan and an approved finance plan, before construction activities can be authorized to advance. Details about these federal requirements can be found in [23 U.S.C. 106\(h\)](#). Additional FHWA guidance is also available at: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ipd/project_delivery/tools_programs/index.htm



If you have any questions, please call Joyce Newland, Planning & Environmental Specialist, at (317) 226-5353 or e-mail at joyce.newland@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,


for Robert F. Tally Jr., P.E.
Division Administrator

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December 3, 2010

Mr. Robert E. Tally, Jr., Division Administrator
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Attn: Ms. Joyce Newland
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

Subject: 2010-2013 Amendment 10-31, I-69 Section 4 – Request for FHWA Approval

Dear Mr. Tally:

This amendment is to include I-69, Section 4 in the Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This is for the portion of I-69 from US 231 to SR 37, in Greene and Monroe counties. The current estimated total cost to construct the entire project is \$546,500,000.

This request is consistent with the Bloomington MPO TIP, as amended November 5, 2010.

The Indiana Department of Transportation requests that within the Bloomington MPO Planning Area, preliminary engineering and right-of-way activities be amended into the STIP. Outside the Bloomington MPO Planning Area, preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction activities are requested to be amended to the STIP.

For the purposes of consistency with the MPO TIP amendment and for clarity, "May Creek (s. of Rolling Glen Estates)" is understood to be the MPO's planning area boundary. No construction is requested to be included at this time, within the MPO's planning area.

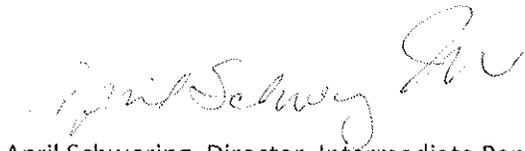
<i>Project</i>	<i>Termini</i>	<i>Phase of Work</i>	<i>Fund Type</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
I-69, Section 4, (New Interstate Highway Construction)	May Creek (s. of Rolling Glen Estates) to SR 37 (south of Bloomington)	Preliminary Engineering	NHS State	\$2,200,000 500,000		
		Right-of-Way Acquisition	NHS State		\$2,496,000 624,000	
Total Cost =				\$2,750,000	\$3,120,000	

Note: This work is inside the Bloomington MPO Planning Area, in Monroe County.

Project	Termini	Phase of Work	Fund Type	2011	2012	2013
I-69, Section 4, (New Interstate Highway Construction)	From US 231 to May Creek (s. of Rolling Glen Estates)	Preliminary Engineering	NHS State	\$15,200,000 3,800,000		
		Right-of-Way Acquisition	NHS State	16,800,000 4,200,000	\$21,120,000 5,280,000	
		Construction	NHS State		61,600,000 15,400,000	\$162,400,000 40,600,000
Total Cost =				\$40,000,000	\$103,400,000	\$203,000,000

NOTE: This work is outside the Bloomington MPO Planning Area, in Greene and Monroe counties.

Sincerely,



April Schwering, Director, Intermediate Range Planning

MEMORANDUM



To: Policy Committee Members
From: Raymond Hess, Transportation Planner
Date: October 22, 2010
Re: I-69 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Segment of Section 4 of I-69 Section (from May Creek to SR 37)

INDOT has requested that a Segment of Section 4 of I-69 be amended into the TIP. This segment represents the portion of the project within the MPO's Metropolitan Planning Area from May Creek to State Road 37 and has a total project cost of \$67,563,000. This is a change to INDOT's previous amendment request to show the entire Section 4 from US 231 to SR 37 with a total project cost of \$546,500,000.

This amendment is being reheard by the MPO Committees and reopened for public comment because the Public Participation Plan states "if substantive changes occur, then an additional 30 day public written comment period shall be provided." Staff determined that the change was substantive since the project scope and cost will be reflected differently than what was originally proposed. The written public comment period was reopened on October 2, 2010 and will close on October 31, 2010. The public comments will be available to the Policy Committee and the public on November 1, 2010 once they have been compiled.

The TIP amendment request is to show preliminary engineering in fiscal year 2011 totaling \$2.75 million. It would show right-of-way in 2012 totaling \$3.12 million. It would show construction in 2013 totaling \$61.693 million. INDOT requests the following project table be added into the TIP:

State of Indiana Projects	Funding Source	Fiscal Year			
		2010	2011	2012	2013
Project: I-69 Section 4	NHS		\$ 2,200,000		
Location: May Creek (s. of Rolling Glen Estates) to SR 37 (south of Bloomington)	State		\$ 550,000		
Description: New interstate highway road construction	NHS			\$ 2,496,000	
	State			\$ 624,000	
DES#: TBD	NHS				\$ 49,354,400
Support: LRTP	State				\$ 12,338,600
Allied Projects:	TOTAL		\$ 2,750,000	\$ 3,120,000	\$ 61,693,000

*Note: This segment of I-69 is the part that runs through the metropolitan planning area. This segment is part of the larger I-69 Section 4 project which runs from US 231 to SR 37 and costs \$546,500,000.

Committee Recommendations

The Technical Advisory Committee recommended to approve the aforementioned TIP amendment request on October 27, 2010. The Citizens Advisory Committee decided not recommend approval of the TIP amendment on October 27, 2010.

Action Requested

The Policy Committee is requested to take action on INDOT's request to amend a segment of Section 4 of I-69 into the Transportation Improvement Program.

Programmed Projects: State of Indiana

State of Indiana Projects		Funding Source	Fiscal Year			
			2010	2011	2012	2013
Project: I-69 Section 4 segment		NHS State		\$ 2,200,000		
Location: Boundary of Planning Area (creek s. of Rolling Glen Estates) to SR 37 (s. of Bloomington) (~1.75 miles long)			PE		\$ 550,000	
Description: New Interstate highway road construction with conditions added concerning karst terrain (preservation and reporting requirements) and road access (Harmony Rd., That Rd., Bolin Rd., & other locations) (NOTE: refer to Resolution FY2011-06 in Appendix VIII)		NHS State	ROW		\$ 2,496,000	
					\$ 624,000	
DES#: TBD		NHS State	CON			
Support: LRTP						
Allied Projects:		TOTAL		\$ 2,750,000	\$ 3,120,000	\$

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