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Mr. Clay Bright  
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Subject: Approval of Fiscal Years 2020-2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Commissioner Bright:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Tennessee Division and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IV Office have completed the review of the Federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) including the incorporated Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for Tennessee's eleven Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

Based on this review, FHWA and FTA jointly approve the Tennessee Department of Transportation's (TDOT's) FY 2020-2023 STIP and incorporated TIPs. This approval for the FY 2020-2023 STIP supersedes the January 6, 2017 approval for the FY 2017-2020 STIP and shall remain in effect through September 30, 2023.


The FHWA and FTA have joint responsibility to ensure that the statewide and metropolitan planning processes in Tennessee meet the Federal planning requirements in Titles 23 and 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) and Titles 23 and 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). In accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450.220, the FHWA and FTA have completed a Federal Planning Finding determining the extent to which the draft STIP is based on a statewide and metropolitan transportation planning process that meets the Federal requirements.


The enclosed FY 2020 Federal Planning Finding identified six commendations and five recommendations for TDOT and the MPOs to consider in carrying out the transportation planning process. The Federal Planning Finding also carried forward a Corrective Action from the 2018 Nashville TMA Federal Certification Review.

The recommendation related to STIP fiscal constraint is of a high priority and must be promptly addressed to ensure continued compliance of the STIP with Federal regulations. An Action Plan identifying a path to resolution of this concern is included.

We appreciate your leadership in Tennessee's statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes. If you have any questions regarding the FY 2020 Federal Planning Finding or the FY 2020-2023 STIP approval, please contact Theresa Claxton from the FHWA Tennessee Division at (615) 781-5772 or Andres Ramirez from the FTA Region IV Office at (404) 865-5611.

Sincerely,

  
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