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**FHWA/FTA Approval of the Nebraska FY 2011-2014
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program**

Dear Mr. Fredrickson:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) FY 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as well as the incorporated metropolitan transportation improvement programs (TIPs) for Omaha (MAPA), Lincoln, and Sioux City (SIMPCO).

In accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450.324 (g), each project or project phase included in the Metropolitan TIP shall be consistent with the approved metropolitan transportation plan. It has been determined MAPA's TIP contains projects inconsistent with the Metropolitan Long Range Transportation Plan in both Nebraska and Iowa. The projects of concern have been submitted to MAPA for action to resolve the inconsistencies. MAPA has agreed to amend to the TIP for both the Nebraska and Iowa projects to provide consistency with the Long Range Plan. As part of the TIP amendment process, MAPA will need to ensure their public participation process is followed.

As a result of the requisite amendment, the STIP approval for Nebraska will not incorporate the projects from MAPA TIP. Therefore, until the MAPA TIP amendment is processed, approved, and incorporated into the STIP by NDOR, projects in the MAPA region cannot be approved. In accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR 450.218 (b)(1)(iii), all projects included in the STIP located outside of the MAPA region may be advanced as part of this STIP approval.

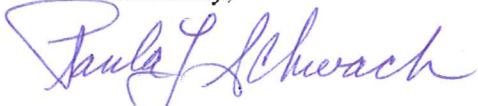
During this fiscal year, FHWA and FTA have had ongoing contact with NDOR, the three metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and the state's transit agencies. In addition, we conducted a planning certification review for MAPA on March 15th and 16th and a planning review of SIMPCO on June 9th.

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 450.218(b) and 23 CFR Part 450.334(a), we have determined that the projects in the STIP and the metropolitan TIPs are based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613.

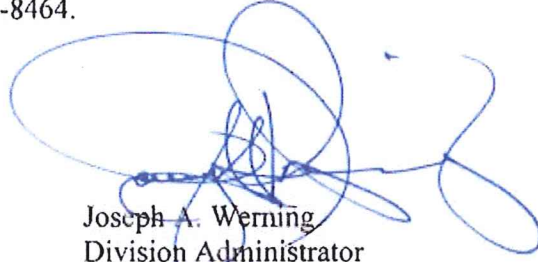
Based on our review of the STIP, the ongoing monitoring activities throughout the year, the MPO's self-certifications, and the above planning finding, FY 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is hereby approved, not incorporating the MAPA TIP.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mark Bechtel, FTA, at (816)329-3937 or Justin Luther, FHWA, at (402)742-8464.

Sincerely,



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