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**SUBJECT: FHWA/FTA Approval of the Nebraska FY 2012-2015
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 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as well as the incorporated metropolitan transportation improvement programs (TIPs) for Omaha (MAPA), Lincoln, and South Sioux City (SIMPCO).

After review of the MAPA TIP, the project identified as Western Douglas County Trail, Control Number 22227, has more Federal funding programmed for the project than was made available by SAFETEA-LU Section 1702.0723. MAPA will be processing an administrative modification in accordance with the Nebraska STIP Development Guidelines to ensure there is appropriate local funding available for this project to cover the cost difference in order to demonstrate fiscal constraint.

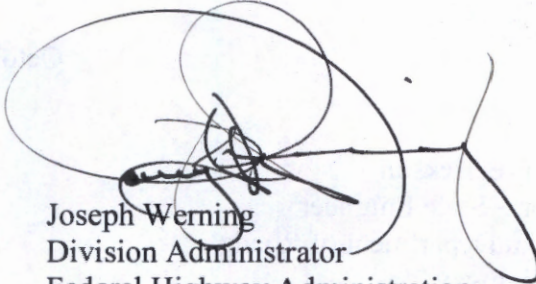
During this fiscal year, FHWA and FTA have had ongoing contact with the NDOR, the 3 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and the state's transit agencies. We have reviewed and assisted MAPA and Lincoln with updating each of their long range transportation plans. In addition, we have been ensuring progress is made on each of the MPO's corrective action plan which were a result of their certification review findings to ensure SAFETEA-LU compliance.

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 present STIP, the aforementioned monitoring activities throughout the year, the MPO's self-certifications, and the above planning finding, the FY 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is hereby approved, incorporating Lincoln and SIMPCO Metropolitan TIPs.

In addition, the MAPA TIP is approved for inclusion in the FY2012-2015 STIP pending the submission of the required administrative modification. In the interim, MAPA projects cannot be advanced until such documentation is provided to FHWA and accepted through NDOR.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Daniel Nguyen, FTA, at 816.329.3938 or Justin Luther, FHWA, at 402.742.8464.

Sincerely,



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