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May 6, 2011

Ms. Britta Stein  
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Re: FY 2008-11 TIP Amendments for Nashville Area MPO

Dear Ms. Stein:

We are requesting approval of the attached Amendment 41 to the Tennessee State's Transportation Improvement Program. I have attached an amendment package which includes amendment number 2011-003 to the Nashville TIP.

The following information is included:

1. A checklist indicating that all requirements for amendments were met. This checklist is based on submitted assurances from the Nashville Metropolitan Transportation Organization. TDOT Local Programs office is in concurrence with the amendments to the STIP.
2. A letter from the MPO listing the amendments being made. The letter states that the changes leave the plan financially constrained. We have independently verified these figures and agree with this statement.
3. A resolution, properly signed by the TIP Chairman of the MPO Executive Board and the MPO director.
4. A Transportation Conformity Checklist.
5. Individual project sheets for each project. In the case of amended or adjusted projects, there are two sheets. One is labeled "original" and shows the project funding prior to the amendment/adjustment. The other is labeled "revised" and shows the project funding following the amendment/adjustment.
6. A conformity determination for the Nashville Long Range Transportation Plan.

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7. Two sets of financial summary sheets. One shows the funds disposition prior to the amendments. The second sheet shows the funds disposition after the changes to the TIP.
8. A spreadsheet showing the individual projects and each of the fund groups where there is a change.

The Nashville MPO has provided documentation that the public involvement process was followed and this amendment leaves the TIP financially constrained.

Based on a review of the attached material, we believe that the MPO has followed appropriate procedures and met all requirements necessary to permit approval of this amendment and request your concurrence with this assessment.

I trust this information is sufficient to allow approval of the presented amendments. If we need to provide any additional information please contact Larry McGoogin at 615-532-3160 or [Larry.McGoogin@tn.gov](mailto:Larry.McGoogin@tn.gov).

Sincerely,



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## Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Review Checklist

Rural STIP Amendment

MPO STIP Amendment

Metropolitan Planning Organization: Nashville MPO STIP #41

**Or**

Rural County(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment is adding un-programmed Federal Funds?

Yes – proceed with checklist

No

Amendment is adding a new project?

Yes – proceed with checklist

No

Amendment changes an existing project scope?

Yes – proceed with checklist

No

Amendment adds an amount of programmed funds to an existing project that is greater than 30% of the total project cost?

Yes – proceed with checklist

No

### Air Quality

Air Quality Status:

Attainment

Non-Attainment/Maintenance

Non-Attainment/Maintenance: Conformity Determination Documentation Provided?

Yes

No – Return for Documentation

Amendment is consistent with approved conformity horizon year?

Yes

No – Return for Conformity Approval

### MPO - Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Project is consistent with or included in adopted MPO's LRTP?

Yes\*

No – Return for LRTP Amendment

\*Nashville projects with an "x" are not eligible for inclusion in the TIP.



Public Involvement

Amendment meets adopted public involvement plan?

Yes

No – Return for Public Involvement

Amendment Process

Amendment meets the adopted amendment process – for MPOs, the Board resolution is provided?

Yes

No – Return for Process Completion

Rural Counties: RPO Review/Consultation Process

Amendment includes documentation of RPO review/consultation?

*NA*  Yes

No – Return for RPO Consultation

Fiscal Constraint

Amendment includes documentation of fiscal constraint demonstrating available funds vs. programmed funds?

Yes

No – Return for Documentation

Amendment includes copies of both the original and adjusted project sheets?

Yes

No – Return for Documentation

Project Sheet

Each project included in the amendment must include the following:

Project Sponsor

Source of Fund  
(HPP must also include HPP number)

Project number

Amount of Federal Funds by year

Project description/scope

Amount of matching funds by year

Project termini

Project phase by year

Total Project Cost