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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 98 to the Tennessee State's Transportation Improvement Program. I have attached an amendment package which includes the following amendments:

TIP #	Project Sponsor; Amendment
2011-510-017	Airport Road Relocation; City of Gallatin; Add project to TIP
2012-51-169	Gateway Drive Extension; City of Gallatin; Add project to TIP
2012-51-170	Greenlea Blvd Extension; City of Gallatin; Add Project to TIP
2009-56-027	Town Creek Greenway Phase 2; City of Gallatin; Ad funds
99-New-29	Hendersonville Closed Loop & Signal Upgrade; City of Hendersonville; Add funds
2012-56-171	Sanders Ferry/Drakes Creek Bike Trail; City of Hendersonville; Add project to TIP
2011-42-061	Weakley Lane; Town of Smyrna; Reduce project scope
2012-44-172	Sam Ridley & Stonecrest Pkwy Intersection Improvements; Town of Smyrna; Add project to TIP
2012-47-173	Smyrna Signal System; Town of Smyrna; Add project to TIP
2012-44-174	Almaville Rd & Morton Lane Intersection Improvements; Town of Smyrna; Add project to TIP
2012-61-175	City Center Way Extension; City of Fairview; Add project to TIP
2008-56-082	Lower Station Cam Creek Road Greenway; Sumner County; Add funds; shift FY
AM-006	Hurricane Creek Greenway; City of La Vergne; Add funds; shift CONST FY
2012-69-176	Carter Cotton Gin Battlefield Site; Civil War Trust; Add project to TIP
2012-66-177	Tanyard Springs Connection Trail/ Bridge; City of Spring Hill; Add project to TIP
226	Stones River Greenway Extension; City of Murfreesboro; Add/ combine funds
2012-85-178	Communicating Dynamic Alternative Transportation Options at Employer Worksite; Williamson County/TMA Group; Add project to TIP
2012-15-179	Express Bus Service to Madison; MTA; Add project to TIP
2012-85-180	NE Corridor Regional Express Bus Service; RTA; Add project to TIP
2009-85-018	SE Corridor Express Bus Service Expansion; RTA; Add funds
2012-69-181	Timberland Park Improvements Phase 3; Williamson County; Add project to 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.
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.

Sincerely,



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Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Review Checklist

Rural STIP Amendment

MPO STIP Amendment

Metropolitan Planning Organization: Nashville MPO STIP #98

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?

N/A Yes

No – Return for Documentation

Amendment is consistent with approved conformity horizon year?

N/A 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?

N/A 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