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Mr. Paul A. Mattox, Jr.
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Re: West Virginia Department of Transportation FY 2016-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Secretary Mattox:

The joint Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review of the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) FY 2016-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has been completed, and we are pleased to inform you of its approval. In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218(c), the approval period for a new STIP shall not exceed four years. Therefore, this approval applies to the period FY 2016 through FY 2019. FY 2020 and FY 2021 we acknowledge as informational only.

STIP approval, including the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) contained by reference or directly in the STIP, is based on the STIP and each metropolitan TIP demonstrating a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. This Planning Finding is based upon the extent that all projects in the STIP being in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303-5305, and subparts A, B, and C of 23 CFR Part 450.

This documented Planning Finding applies to WVDOT FY 2016-2021 STIP, and all incorporated TIPs for the following Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO): Parkersburg-Belpre (WWW Interstate Planning Commission); Steubenville-Weirton (Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Regional Council & Metropolitan Planning Commission); Charleston (Regional Intergovernmental Council); Wheeling (Bel-0-Mar Regional Council); Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle (Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle Metropolitan Planning Organization); Huntington-Ironton (KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission); Morgantown (Greater Morgantown Metropolitan Planning Organization); and Beckley (Fayette-Raleigh Metropolitan Planning Organization).

FHWA and FTA hereby find that the STIP is based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C Sections 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5035, and subparts A, B, and C of 23CFR Part 450.

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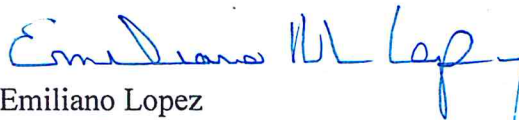
This STIP approval does not constitute a final commitment of Federal funds. Federal funding for projects included in the STIP is finalized when a request for project authorization is approved by FHWA or upon approval of a grant by FTA. Should amendments to this STIP become necessary during the course of the year, any highway amendments will be acted upon by FHWA and any transit amendments will be acted upon by FTA.

Any questions concerning this approval should be directed to Ms. Chandra Inglis-Smith, Planner, FHWA West Virginia Division, at (304) 347-5239, or Mr. Ryan Long, Community Planner, FTA Region III, at (215) 656-7051.

Sincerely,



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