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Mr. Dick Smith
Director of Planning and Programming
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have completed our review of the SPR-PL-3000(44) FY 2009 State Planning Work Program and Supplemental Work Programs for Urbanized Areas of over 200,000 Population. These work programs provide for continuing State and metropolitan transportation planning activities for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, utilizing \$23,371,000 in State Planning and Research (SPR) funds and \$14,558,084 in Planning (PL) funds.

Based upon our review and consultation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), we approve these work programs and the SPR and PL fund participating activities described in these work programs. Furthermore, we find that these work programs are in conformance with 23 CFR 420 and therefore authorize proceeding with these activities. Our approval is with certain conditions as follows:

1. Necessary contracts with local agencies and consultants are properly executed and contain Federal-required provisions. As discussed in our June 26, 2008 letter concerning the 2008 PL Reimbursement Review, in FY 2009 we will again examine compliance with the 23 USC 104(f)(4)(B) requirement to reimburse Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) no later than 30 days after receipt of a request for reimbursement of expenditures made by the MPO for carrying out the provisions of 23 USC 134.
2. Necessary audits are conducted as appropriate.
3. An annual completion report, in accordance with 23 CFR 420.117, is submitted by September 30, 2009 for the overall SPR-PL work program and for each work program for urbanized areas of over 200,000 population in which Illinois is the lead State. These reports should cover all key planning and programming activities described in these programs, regardless of whether SPR or PL funds are participating in the work.

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4. Actual expenditures with PL fund participation are restricted to activities within, or directly impacting on, metropolitan planning areas established in accordance with 23 CFR 450.308.
5. Any changes in scope or funding of work program activities will need our prior approval, in accordance with 23 CFR 420.115(a), if Federal participation in the cost of the revised activity is desired.
6. Activities described in the subject work programs are understood to be proposed for accomplishment by State or local forces, unless otherwise noted. Any use of consulting services above and beyond that described in these noted work programs would need our prior approval via a work program amendment if SPR or PL funds will be participating in financing the work.

Please send us five copies of the final version of this work program by August 1, 2008 for distribution within the Federal Highway Administration

Sincerely,



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Planning and Program Development Manager

For: Norman R. Stoner, P.E.
Division Administrator