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The Honorable Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln
555 So. 10th Street
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RE: State Approval of Lincoln's TIP amendments to their current FY 2009-2014 TIP and amendments to their new FY 2010-2015 TIP.

Dear Mr. Beutler:

As the Governor's designee, I am approving the following amendments to Lincoln's current and new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These amendments were approved by Lincoln's MPO on September 29th and received (via email) by our office the same day.

The following amendments pertained to four projects added to Lincoln's FY 2009-2014 TIP. All four of these were already approved in our State TIP (STIP). FHWA's letter (July 8) gave approval to do this due to the urgency of getting the environmental work done collectively on these ARRA projects.

Project CN#13067 Sponsored by Lincoln Public Works Dept.

Name: NEPA phase work on the Holdrege St project (33rd to 47th St).
Funds: Federal ARRA Funds= \$17,500.

Project CN#13068 Sponsored by Lincoln Public Works Dept.

Name: NEPA phase work on the Adams St project (57th to 62nd St).
Funds: Federal ARRA Funds= \$17,500.

Project CN#13081 Sponsored by Lincoln Public Works Dept.

Name: NEPA phase work on North 70th St (Aylesworth to Vine St).
Funds: Federal ARRA Funds= \$17,500.

Project CN#13082 Sponsored by Lincoln Public Works Dept.

Name: NEPA phase work on the Holdrege St project (70th to 79th St).
Funds: Federal ARRA Funds= \$17,500.

The amendment that added FTA funds to StarTran's AVL project that was in the FY-2009 element of the current TIP has state approval. But, FTA's approval will not get authorized this Fiscal Year since FTA's cut off was last Friday for approving any STIP revisions. This amendment will need to be added to the FY-2010 element of Lincoln's FY 2010-2015 TIP.

The following amendments pertain to two projects in Lincoln's new FY 2010-2015 TIP that will get local RTSD funds added to each project.

Project CN#12744, SW 40th St Viaduct project is listed in the Lincoln's FY-2010 element of their new TIP.

Added Funds: \$900,000 in Railroad Trans. Safety District (RTSD) funds.

Project North 33rd St & BNSF Railroad grade separation project is listed in Lincoln's FY-2015 element of their new TIP.

Added Funds: \$3,500,000 in Railroad Trans. Safety District funds.

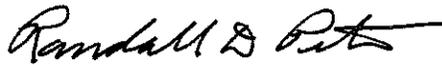
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Lincoln's TIP is included in Nebraska's STIP by reference. These projects normally get included in Nebraska's STIP when we notify FHWA of a STIP Revision and get their approval.

Since this is the last day of Fiscal Year 2009, it is past FHWA's and FTA's cutoff date for approving STIP amendments in FY-2009. FHWA's earlier approval of using Stimulus funds to do NEPA environmental work pertaining to those four projects in FY-2009 was a special exception to this process.

If you have any questions, please call Ron Schlautman at 479-4338.

Sincerely,



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