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Attention: Mr. Charles Schmitt
Bureau of Statewide Program Planning

Subject: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Projects

Dear Mr. Smith:

We approve the amendment for the FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as submitted with your letter of March 5, 2009. The amendment is for projects located outside the metropolitan areas that will be funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). We acknowledge that additional STIP amendments may be necessary to address major revisions to this amendment or the addition of other projects to be funded through the ARRA.

With Governor Pat Quinn executing the Section 1511 Certification required by the ARRA, we can now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment. Requests must be submitted according to our letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation, "Transportation Planning Support for Obligation for Federal-aid Highway Project Funds" dated December 29, 1995.

Sincerely,

Jon-Paul Kohler
Planning and Program Development Manager

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

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