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Mr. Craig Thompson, Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) hereby approve the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) *2023 - 2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)* transmitted with the department's letter dated January 4, 2023. Approval is effective January 19, 2023 and subject to the changes detailed in the enclosed project listing.

We find that the STIP is based on statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes that substantially meet the requirements of 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5305, and implementing regulations. This finding is supported by the self-certifications executed by the WisDOT and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), FHWA and FTA involvement in the transportation planning processes, and federal reviews of planning documents and processes.

The STIP includes analysis of federal program funding levels anticipated to be available for the various federal-aid highway and transit program categories over the next four years. The STIP also includes a summary of total anticipated federal, state, and local revenues made available for transportation improvements, that when compared with total expenditures programmed, reasonably demonstrates fiscal constraint.

Projects within each Wisconsin metropolitan planning area have been programmed in Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) approved by the MPOs and the Governor. The TIPs are incorporated in the STIP by reference and effective with this approval. In prior actions, the FHWA and FTA determined that the metropolitan TIPs in air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas conformed to the Wisconsin State Air Quality Implementation Plan (SIP). Non-exempt STIP projects located in air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas outside of the metropolitan planning areas were previously determined to conform in conjunction with project environmental determinations.

In conjunction with this approval, and based on the State and MPO self-certifications and FHWA and FTA oversight activities, we jointly find that the metropolitan transportation planning processes by which the TIPs for Wisconsin metropolitan areas were developed, are consistent with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303-5305 and 5323.

In summary, we are pleased to approve the Wisconsin STIP for the period through December 31, 2026 or until FTA and FHWA jointly approve a new STIP. This approval is not a determination of federal funding eligibility for any of the projects listed. Only projects included in the approved STIP may be advanced for funding under Title 23 or Chapter 53 of Title 49. The STIP may be amended at any time, consistent with federal procedures and WisDOT's STIP Public Participation Plan, and subject to FHWA and FTA approval.

We appreciate the efforts and cooperation of your staff in developing a STIP that will serve all our programming needs. If you have any questions concerning our joint approval action on this STIP, please contact Evan Gross, FTA at (312) 886-1619 or Mary Forlenza, FHWA at (608) 829-7517.

Sincerely,



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