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Mr. Dan Dreisewerd, P.E., PTOE
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RE: Suspension of Future Funding Obligations for St. Louis County Federal-Aid Projects

Dear Mr. Dreisewerd,

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) project authorization end dates, along with East-West Gateway's Reasonable Progress Policy, help ensure federal-aid projects move forward in a timely manner and help ensure taxpayer funds are promptly being put to use improving our transportation system. Over the past two years MoDOT has communicated our concerns to County staff that multiple County fed-aid projects were experiencing excessive delays moving from the "Authority to Advertise for Bids" phase to the "Contract Award/Contractor Notice to Proceed" phase. Local Public Agency (LPA) projects should generally proceed to award and a construction notice to proceed be issued to the contractor within 6-months of authority to advertise. The vast majority of MoDOT administered LPA projects throughout Missouri readily meet this federal end date timeline.

During the past year, in an effort to expedite the County's bidding and award process, MoDOT has required your agency to submit fully executed construction contracts before MoDOT would extend a project's 6-month "Authority to Advertise" end date into the "Contract Award/Contractor Notice to Proceed" period. MoDOT wanted to ensure the County's fed-aid construction contracts were being executed promptly and excessive delays were not occurring during your agency's bidding and award process. During this past year MoDOT has been tracking County project bidding/award time and has not seen any improvement in your agency's timeliness. During this time multiple County projects had "Authority to Advertise" end dates lapse.

In February 2017 the County was warned that continued evidence of excessive delays in your agency's bidding, award, and contract execution process would result in MoDOT suspending project funding authorizations for currently programmed federal-aid projects and could result in your agency being ineligible to compete for future FHWA program funding.

Accordingly, MoDOT is hereby suspending new funding authorizations for the County's upcoming programmed federal-aid projects until your agency demonstrates the ability to promptly bid, award, and execute contracts for projects that have already been authorized. This suspension applies to new funding authority for all phases of upcoming projects including preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction.



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St. Louis County has 12 fed-aid projects authorized for advertisement that are currently moving through your agency's bidding, award, and contract execution process. MoDOT staff and County staff have been regularly communicating about the status of these 12 projects along with the status of other County projects previously awarded over the past several months.

In order to remove this suspension, MoDOT will need to see evidence that the County can bid, award, and deliver executed contracts for these 12 fed-aid projects within the established authorization end dates and the County's process delays have improved.

Your agency needs to show it can deliver existing projects and promptly put federal funds to work before MoDOT will authorize new funds. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at Randall.Glaser@modot.mo.gov or call 314-453-5037.

Sincerely,



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March 12, 2018

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Dear Dan,

Thank you for our phone conversation this morning concerning Local Public Agency project approval schedules.

With your personal assurance the County will meet all of the future dates, MoDOT is pleased to rescind any suspension of funding authorizations of future projects.

St. Louis County has agreed to meet monthly to assure projects are delivered within the federal timeline requirements.

Thank you for your assistance on this. MoDOT looks forward to working with your team to deliver needed transportation improvement in the region.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Blair, P.E.
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Cc: Bill Schnell



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