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January 13, 2014

Mr. Paul A. Mattox, Jr., P.E.
Secretary of Transportation/Commissioner of Highways
West Virginia Department of Transportation
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0430

Re: West Virginia Department of Transportation FY 2014-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Secretary Mattox:

We are pleased to inform you that the joint Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review of the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WV DOT) FY 2014-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has been completed. In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218(c), the approval period for a new STIP shall not exceed four years. As a result, this joint FHWA/FTA approval of the West Virginia STIP applies to the period FY 2014 through FY 2017. FY 2018 and FY 2019 has been acknowledged as informational.

To approve the STIP document, including the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) contained by reference or directly in the STIP, the FHWA and FTA must make a determination that the STIP and each metropolitan TIP are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. This Planning Finding is based upon the extent that all projects in the STIP are based on a planning process in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303-5305, and subparts A, B, and C of 23 CFR Part 450.

This is the documented Planning Finding for the WVDOT FY 2014-2017 STIP, and all incorporated TIPs for the following Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO): Parkersburg-Belpre (WWW Interstate Planning Commission); Steubenville-Weirton (Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Regional Council & Metropolitan Planning Commission); Charleston (Regional Intergovernmental Council); Wheeling (Bel-O-Mar Regional Council); Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle (Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle Metropolitan Planning Organization); Huntington-Ironton (KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission); Morgantown (Greater Morgantown Metropolitan Planning Organization); and Beckley (Fayette Raleigh Metropolitan Planning Organization).

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Based on the WVDOT and MPO self-certifications of their statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes, review of self-certification supporting documentation, and our involvement in the State and Metropolitan planning processes, FHWA and FTA hereby find that the STIP is based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C Sections 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5035, and subparts A, B, and C of 23 CFR Part 450.

This STIP approval does not constitute a final commitment of Federal funds. Federal funding for projects included in the STIP is finalized when a request for project authorization is approved by FHWA or upon approval of a grant by FTA. Should amendments to this STIP become necessary during the course of the year, any highway amendments will be acted upon by FHWA and any transit amendments will be acted upon by FTA.

Any questions concerning this approval should be directed to Mr. Kevin Burgess, Planning and Research Engineer, FHWA West Virginia Division, at (304) 347-5266, or Ms. Kathleen Zubrzycki, Community Planner, FTA Region III, at (215) 656-7262.

Sincerely,



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