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Subject: Illinois Connector Project Joint Lead Agency Request  
Illinois Route 131 (Green Bay Road) from Sunset Avenue to Russell Road  
Lake County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Keefer:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) hereby requests the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to become a joint-lead Federal agency in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment for this project.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the FHWA is currently performing preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the improvement of Illinois Route 131 (Green Bay Road) from Sunset Avenue to Russell Road in Lake County, Illinois. Early in the study, FHWA invited FAA to become a cooperating agency for this project because of the proximity of the project study area to the Waukegan Airport. As the environmental studies advanced, it became clear that the project would require approval actions from both FHWA and FAA in order to implement the project and therefore the request for FAA to become a joint-lead agency.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (217) 492-4625 or by email at [Matt.Fuller@dot.gov](mailto:Matt.Fuller@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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