



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois/62764

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FHWA Review Exemption

Municipal Engineers
County Engineers/Superintendent of Highways #93-4
Consulting Engineers

Effective January 1, 1993, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved our request for exemption from FHWA review and oversight as allowed by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991. Under this exemption, only non-Interstate Nation Highway System (NHS) and all federal-aid projects administered by the city of Chicago will continue to be administered under the approved Certification Acceptance procedures and will have FHWA involvement in project review and oversight.

All other local federal-aid projects will be exempt from FHWA project review and oversight. FHWA will continue to be involved in environmental determination and project authorization on a project by project basis. IDOT will handle variance requests, final inspections, and all other project reviews. Projects that involve both NHS route and non-NHS route will still require FHWA approval for variances that affect the NHS routes.

IDOT and FHWA will continue to hold joint bimonthly project coordination meetings for environmental concerns. IDOT representatives will continue to be available at these meetings to discuss design and other items.

ISTEA also allows states to develop state standards that may be used on non-NHS projects. At this time, local projects will continue to be designed in accordance with the Federal-Aid Procedures for Local Highway Improvements (FAPLHI) manual. IDOT will examine the options available to develop state standards, and will coordinate any development of standards with the Illinois Municipal League and the Illinois Association of County Engineers

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Sunley".

William T. Sunley, P.E.
Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

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District Engineers