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Ms. Holly Bieneman  
Director, Office of Planning and Programming  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62764

Subject: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – Statewide

Dear Ms. Bieneman:

We approve the amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Appendix I as submitted with your letter dated June 3, 2021 for Recreational Trails Program projects statewide.

Based on the Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division's ongoing Federal oversight of the planning activities in Illinois, we find that the transportation planning process substantially meets the planning requirements described in 23 CFR 450. We can now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment.

Sincerely,

J.D. Stevenson  
Planning, Environment and  
ROW Team Leader

Enclosure

ecc: Ms. Tracinda Sisk, Bureau of Programming, IDOT  
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June 3, 2021

Ms. Arlene Kocher  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
3250 Executive Park Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Attention: J. D. Stevenson

Dear Ms. Kocher:

Enclosed for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.220 is a copy of an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is authorizing this amendment to the STIP.

Appendix I detailing the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) has been updated to show current projects. This update does not change any current funding levels shown in the current STIP. This amendment was placed on both IDOT's website and Facebook page for a 15-day comment period and received 665 comments all in support of the Hanna City Trail. Therefore, the public involvement requirements are met.

IDOT considers the estimate of costs included in the STIP to be realistic. IDOT concurs with the fiscal consistency analysis included in the STIP. The total cost of the STIP remains consistent with the amount of funds expected to be available to the state during the STIP time period. IDOT, on behalf of the Governor of Illinois, concurs with the projects listed in this STIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly Bieneman".

Holly Bieneman  
Director  
Office of Planning and Programming

Enclosure

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## Recreational Trails Program (Table 18)

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Illinois Departments of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) was signed on 04/25/18, which states that IDNR will oversee both the scope of projects and the financial aspects of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), making IDNR a direct recipient of the RTP funding. IDNR provides IDOT's Bureau of Programming with detailed financial projection data pertaining to the RTP annually to be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program ("STIP"). In addition, IDNR provides IDOT with program and project updates, as needed, requiring STIP amendments.

Below is a listing of all Recreational Trails projects outside of an MPO area. All projects within an MPO area are included in this document by reference.

IDOT District	Project Sponsor	Project Title	County	Improvement	Description	RTP Funds Amount	Total Cost
2	Dixon Park District	Lowell Park Trail Enhancement	Lee	Recreational Trail Improvements	Restore Trails, Rehab Linkage and Facilities	\$185,600	\$232,000
3	IDNR	Matthiessen	LaSalle	Recreational Trail Improvements	Reroute 0.8-miles of Trail	\$176,000	\$220,000
4	Village of Hanna City	Hanna City Rail-Trail Corridor Acquisition	Fulton / Peoria	Recreational Trail Acquisition	Acquisition of 24.7-mile corridor	\$1,664,800	\$2,081,000
6	City of Jacksonville	Lake Jacksonville Rec Trail	Morgan	Recreational Trail Improvements	New Trail / Bridge	\$200,000	\$250,000
7	IDNR	Embarras River Trail Rehab	Coles	Recreational Trail Improvements	Resurface Lot and Trail, New Culvert	\$124,400	\$155,500
7	IDNR	Spitler Woods	Macon	Recreational Trail Improvements	Replace Two Bridges, New Culverts	\$142,000	\$177,500
9	IDNR	Cache River Canoe Trail	Jackson	Recreational Trail Improvements	Install New Signage and Wayfinding	\$14,000	\$17,500
9	IDNR	Lake Murphysboro	Jackson	Recreational Trail Improvements	Replace 6 ft Bridges and Set of Stairs	\$43,200	\$54,000
9	IDNR	Sahara Woods	Saline	Motorized Recreational Trail Improvements	Construct 30 RV/Combo Camping Units	\$674,800	\$843,500

Total RTP Funds amount: \$3,224,800.00

Total Cost amount: \$4,031,000.00