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Ms. Erin Aleman
Director of Planning and Programming
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

Subject: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Mercer County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Aleman:

We approve the amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as submitted with your letter dated May 3, 2018 for a state program project in Mercer County, Illinois.

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 Right-of-Way

Team Leader

Enclosure

ecc: Ms. Justine Sydello, Deputy Secretary, IDOT

Mr. Omer Osman, Deputy Secretary, IDOT

Mr. Paul Loete, Director of Office of Highways and Project Implementation, IDOT

Ms. Tracinda Sisk, Bureau of Programming, IDOT

May 3, 2018

Ms. Catherine A. Batey Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 3250 Executive Park Drive Springfield, Illinois 62703

Dear Ms. Batey:

Enclosed for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.220 is a copy of an amendment to the <u>Amended FY 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program</u> (STIP) for Illinois. The Department is authorizing this amendment to the STIP.

The project listed in this amendment is for a state program project that is not in a Metropolitan Planning Organization area. This project was placed in a local newspaper for a 15-day comment period and received no comments. Therefore, the public involvement requirements are met.

We consider the estimate of costs included in the STIP to be realistic. We concur 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 this area during the STIP time period. The Department, on behalf of the Governor of Illinois, concurs with the project listed in this STIP.

Sincerely,

Erin Aleman

Director

Office of Planning and Programming

Enclosures

District 4

STIP#	184096600100
Est. Cost	\$5,050,000 STP-RURAL-STATE STATE MATCH
Improvements	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SCOUR MITIGATION
Location	EDWARDS RIVER 4.6 MI W OF JOY
County	MERCER
Route/Street	ILL 17

No STIP public comments received.

NATION & WORLD

Bodies piled up during prison riot

By Meg Klinnard The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — As the hours dragged on during a riot at a South Carolina prison, bodies piled up on the sidewalk, An isunate inside watched Arthurate his de wateried in dismay as several fellow prisoners, two ho knew well, lay dead and dying, their bodies leaving trails of blood leading back inside the prison walls.

One bloodied man One bloodied man tried to get up before he "started into that 'death rattle' people often hear about, but never expe-rience firsthand," the inmate told The Associated Press after the attack. Moments later, the dying man was silent, another casualty of the night's

events.
The inmale sent mesages to AP as events unfolded overnight Sunday into Monday morning at Lee Correc-tional Institution. At the end of the seven-hour ordeal, seven inmates by

ordeal, seven inmates lay dead, with 17 others sent tohospitals for treatment. With many cell door locks broken at Lee, a maximum—security prison, the inmate told AP he freely went outside, where he saidhes was bodies "literally stacked out on of each other, like on top of each other, like some macabre woodpile." State officials Monday



From top row from left, Corey Scott, Eddie Cases from top row min left, they start, they can be cased to gaskins, Raymond Angelo Scott and Damonte Rivera; bottom row from left, Michael MiBedge, Cornelius McClary and Joshua Jenkins. The seven inmates were killed, and at least 17 prisoners wounded, in a riot at the Lee Correctional Institution on early Monday in Bishopville, S.C. (SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESSI

turf war between gangs over territory, money and contraband items like cellphones, For sevenbours, Corrections Director Bryan Stirling said, immates armed with said, inmales armed with handmade knives fought each other, leaving seven dead in the worst U.S. prison riot in a quarter-century, Most of the slain were stabbed or slashed; were stabbed or slashed; the remainder appeared to have been beaten, Lee County Coroner Larry Logansaid.

The first fight started in a dorm about 7:15 p.m.

Sunday and appeared to be contained before suddenly starting in two other dorms. No prison guards donns. No prison guards were hurt, Stirling said they followed protocel by backing out and asking for support, it took several hours to restore order, but once a special SWAT team entered, the inmates gave

entered, the initiates gave up peacefully, he said. The prisoner who saw the riot exchanged mes-sages with AP on the condition of anonymity because he is not allowed

on a sidewalk with some of the people who helped kill him laughing at him and taunting him," the

Sex guru, follower blame US for ongoing detention

By Kaweewit Kaewiinda The Associated Press

PATTAYA, Thailand A Russian sex guru and his followers, one of whom claims to have evidence of Moscow's interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, were acquitted Tuesday by acourt in Thailand on charges of violating labor laws but still face

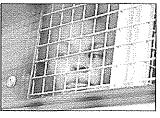
iabor faws but still face other charges which could land them in prison for more than loyears. Alexander Kirillov and follower Anastasia Vashukevich, a model and escort, told reporters they placed the blame for their

placed the blame for their continued detention on U.S. officials, towhom they previously appealed for help and political ssylum. Vashukevich's earlier revelation of an alleged affair with Clop Deripaska, a Russian oligarch close to President Vladimir Putin, fueled onposition allerafueled opposition allega-tions in Russia of official corruption and enraged the Kremlin.

the Krendin.

Vashukevich claims to have audio recordings of Deripaska that provide evidence of Russian medding in the U.S. polls.

Deripaska has been linked to Paul Manafort, Donald Trump's former campaign inanager who has been indicted on money Jaundering on money laundering charges in special coun-sel Robert Mueller's



Anastasia Vashukevich sits inside a prison transport vehicle outside a courthouse Tuesday in Pattaya, south of Bangkok, Thailand. (GEMUNU AMARASINGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

The group was arrested Feb. 25 in a hotel meeting room in Pattaya, a Thai seaside resort city popular with Russian visitors. The sex lessons they hosted were attended by about 40 Russian tourists. Some 40 Russian fourists, Some participants wore T-shirts saying "Sex animator" in English with an arrow pointing to the wearer's emleh.

Kirillov and Vachukevich, with half a dozen other people, were taken back Tuesday to a Pattava court from the

a rattaya court from the immigration detention center in Bangkok where they are being held. Unashamed sexual activity is business as usual for Pattaya, which is notorious for its is notoribus for its sordid nightlife, but the allegations by Vashuke-vich, who uses the name Nastya Rybka on her racy social media postings,

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have drawn worldwide attention. Charges of working without proper permits were dropped Tues-day due to technicalities involving implementa-tion of new regulations for work permits for for-eigners, said a lawyer who represented the defen-dants and was present at

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permit can face tines of up to 100,000 baht (\$3,200) and imprison-ment for up to five years. Police last week added additional charges against them of soliciting to provide sexual services. which carries a maximum prison term of 10 years, and conspiracy to solicit, which is punishable by up to seven years.

Starbucks to close stores for an afternoon of bias training

NEW YORK (AP) -- Star-NEW YORK (AP) — Star-bucks, moving swiftly to confront a racially charged uptear over the arrest of two black new at once of its stores in Philadelphia, plans to close more than 8,000 US, stores for several hours next month to conduct racial-bias training for nearly 175,000 workers. The announcement Tues-

The announcement Tues-The announcement Tuesday comes after the arrests sparked protests and calls for a boycott on social media. A video shows police talking with two black men scated at a table. After a few minutes, officers handcuff the men and lead them outside as other enteropes says. side as other customers say they weren't deing anything wrong. Philadelphia-area media said the two were waiting for a friend.

Philadelphia police re-leased a recording of the call

from the Starbucks employfrom the Starbucks employ-ce that led to the arrests. In the recarding, a woman is heard saying, "Hi, I have two gentlemen in my cafe that are refusing to make a pur-chase or leave? She gives the address of the Starbacks store, and the entire call lasts less than 30 vecousls. In the reasonming times hethe communications be-tween police and dispatch that were also released.

that were also released, someome edits of a group of males inside causing a disturbance," and additional olicers are sent, tells once reliculed for urging its emplayers to write. Bace Together" on collecturs to start a national conversation on race relations, but found itself through the looking glass; under fire for its treatment of black people.

The company reacted

from a high level: Starbucks CEO Kevin Johnson called the arrests "reprehensible" and said he wantes to appl-ogize to the two men face-to-face. The company and a lawyer for the two men said they did meet, and Johnson delivered the epology. Star-bucks also said the employee who called police no forger works at the store, but de-clined to give details.

Johnson also promised to Johnson also promised to revamy stere inausgement training to include "meon-secous-bias" education. Starbucks said its U.S. com-pany-owned stores and our-porate offices will be closed on the afternoon of May 29 for the training, which will eventually be incorporated into the instruction process. into the instruction process for all newly hired employ-

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information was included about who owns 501 Veg. in Bet-inforf, Evan and Kelly Harric own the studio. We regret the error.

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