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July 15, 2020

Mrs. Sara Fields  
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Re: OTO 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program  
Amendment #4

Dear Mrs. Fields,

As you are aware, we are continuing the design and construction of Missouri's road and bridge projects. However, lower traffic volumes throughout the COVID-19 pandemic quarantine period has resulted in lower fuel tax revenue. Nationwide, states on average are anticipating about a 35% decline in targeted revenue. We are carefully monitoring the situation in Missouri and are evaluating how that will affect future projects. We are being cautious with how we move forward as we wait to see what relief may come from the federal government and how long and significant the COVID-19 impacts might be.

While we have not stopped any construction projects that are underway, we scaled back our project bid lettings by about 30% thus far, and a July letting is not planned. We are delaying the annual Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) update. We will continue the construction program using the 2020-2024 STIP that was fully vetted a year ago, approved by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Federal Highway Administration, and last amended by the commission in April 2020. For fiscal year 2021, which begins July 1, we will use the established amendment process to make additions or changes to the STIP to keep critical projects and functions moving forward.

As a result, we are not moving forward with the changes made to MoDOT projects the OTO TIP Amendment #4. We did not submit TIP Amendment #4 for Governor Parson's approval and would like to cancel MoDOT's request to amend the MoDOT projects in the TIP amendment. We will instead be submitting new project data in the future to be included in a future OTO TIP



Amendment or other appropriate modification. We will remain in close contact with the Ozarks Transportation Organization to keep you informed of updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Miler".

Frank O. Miler, AICP

District Planning Manager, Southwest District

Copy: Stacy Reese, Assistant District Engineer  
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