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In reply refer to: HDA-UT

Mr. Carlos Braceras, Executive Director Utah Department of Transportation 4501 South 2700 West Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

Subject: FYs 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Approval

Dear Mr. Braceras:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Utah Division and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 8 find that the Utah Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2018-2021, which incorporates the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) of four Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 135 and 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303-5304, and 23 CFR Part 450. We accept the UDOT and MPOs selfcertifications of the transportation planning process.

The FHWA and the FTA jointly approve the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) FYs 2018-2021 STIP for four years, subject to the comments being addressed which ensure consistency between the MPO TIPs and the STIP. The FHWA and FTA planning staff have discussed these required changes with Bill Lawrence and Bob Pelly of your staff and it was agreed that these changes will be addressed by November 1. The STIP's effective date will be October 1, 2017 and will be valid until September 30, 2021 or a subsequent revision replaces any or all of these years.

The approval of the STIP does not constitute an obligation of funds. Authorization to proceed on individual projects will be in accordance with existing procedures as established among FHWA, FTA, UDOT, and local governments. The details of FHWA's and FTA's joint planning finding of the Statewide transportation planning processes used to develop the STIP, as required by 23 CFR 450.220(b), will be issued separately.

If any questions arise, please contact Steve Call (FHWA) at 801-955-3513, <u>steven.call@dot.gov</u>, or Kristin Kenyon (FTA) at 303-362-2391, <u>kristin.kenyon@dot.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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