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Mr. Will Reid
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Tennessee Department of Transportation
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Subject: Approval of Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Commissioner Reid:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Tennessee Division and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IV Office have completed the review of the Federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) including the incorporated Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for Tennessee's eleven Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) submitted by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) on May 26, 2026.

Based on this review, FHWA and FTA jointly approve the TDOT's FY 2026-2029 STIP and incorporated TIPs. This approval supersedes the June 21, 2023, approval for the FY 2023-2026 STIP and shall remain in effect through September 30, 2029.

The FHWA and FTA have joint responsibility to ensure that the statewide and metropolitan planning processes in Tennessee meet the Federal planning requirements in Titles 23 and 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) and Titles 23 and 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). In accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450.220, the FHWA and FTA have completed a Federal Planning Finding determining the extent to which the draft STIP is based on a statewide and metropolitan transportation planning process that meets Federal requirements.

The enclosed FY 2026 Federal Planning Finding Report identified four (4) recommendations for TDOT and the MPOs to consider in carrying out the transportation planning process. FHWA and FTA staff are prepared to assist TDOT in successful implementation of these recommendations.

We appreciate your leadership in Tennessee's statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes. If there are any questions regarding the FY 2026 Federal Planning Finding or the FY 2026-2029 STIP approval, please contact Sonya Baker, Acting Program Delivery Team Leader,

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Sincerely,

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