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TO: MPO Officials Committee Members

RE: Request to revise the *FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* for the City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

This is a request is to make revisions to the current *FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP). This will allow the two projects defined below to use federal funding and be implemented in this fiscal year, FY 2009. TIP *Amendments* are major revisions which require recommendations by the MPO Technical Committee and approval by the Lincoln MPO Officials Committee. Upon approval, amendments will be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Roads for approval. [Federal regulations: 23 CFR § 450.326]

These amendments are to 1) add two new projects to the program and 2) make adjustments to the assigned FTA-Transit Stimulus project funding.

Project: **Branched Oak SRA Equestrian Trailhead and Trail Extension, Branched Oak State Recreation Area**

Number: RTP 2009 (002) - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC)

Description: This project will construct a trail that is ½ mile in length, 10 feet in width with a natural surface to connect to the existing park trail system and the proposed trailhead. The trailhead will include a restroom, parking facilities and an ADA ramp for equestrian use. The trail will be used mainly for equestrian use, but pedestrians, bicyclists and snowmobilers may use it as well.

Funding: Estimated costs are \$64,300 of which \$51,440 (80%) are federal Recreational Trail Program (RTP) funds, with a local match to include \$4,200 in cash donation from the Nebraska Horse Council and \$8,660 in design engineering and project construction, by the NGPC staff (the NGPC engineers who are state certified), for a total of \$12,860 (20%) in local match.

Project: **Lincoln Wyuka Stables Renovation, Wyuka Cemetery**

Number: NDOR Control Number. 13063, Project Number ENH-55(170)

Description: Wyuka Cemetery, Stables Renovation of the cemetery stable building (1908-09), located in Lincoln's historic Wyuka Cemetery Park and Gardens. The 124-acre cemetery was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1981, primarily for its significance to the history of landscape design in Nebraska. Chartered by the State of Nebraska in 1869, Wyuka is the oldest example of a "rural" cemetery in the State. It is located in central Lincoln between 36th and 42nd streets and from O Street to Vine Street. The purpose of the renovation is to enhance public

use of the building. The project scope includes renovation of the exterior facades and interior courtyard, including repair of masonry, stucco and concrete; replacement of doors and windows; replacement of the roof with wood shingles; copper gutters and downspouts; replacement of existing restroom fixtures; and new sanitary sewer and water service.

Funding: Estimated costs are \$628,860 of which \$500,000 (80%) are federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds awarded by the Nebraska Department of Roads and the Wyuka Cemetery Corporation providing the local match of \$128,860 (20%).

The Technical Committee reviewed these amendments for conformity with the Long Range Transportation Plan and fiscal constraint and are recommending these to the Officials Committee for approval. Upon MPO Officials Committee approval, amendments will be added to the current TIP and upon NDOR notification to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and/or Federal Transit Administration (FTA), included in the STIP by reference

Sincerely,

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