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Mr. Gregory S. Lupton
Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois, 62764

Subject: Macon County Beltway Re-Evaluation - Macon County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Lupton:

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was approved for the Macon County Beltway on July 11, 2013. A Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) was determined on January 22, 2014, and the FONSI was validated on October 5, 2016. Since then, design changes were made to avoid the demonstration fields of the Farm Progress Show in the vicinity of Progress City at Richland Community College.

In a memorandum dated June 29, 2018, the Illinois Department of Transportation provided the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) documentation that describes the design changes and evaluates the impacts due to the additional 1.25 acres of right-of-way required. Upon independently reviewing this information, FHWA concludes that changes to the proposed action will not result in significant impacts, and that the FONSI determination remains valid for this project. Please contact me at (217) 492-4282 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Transportation Engineer, P.E.

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