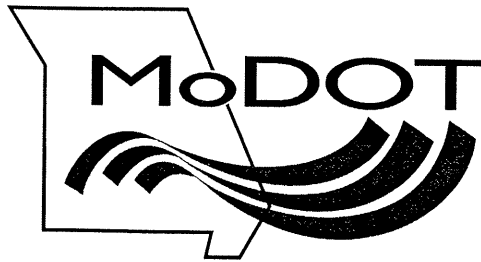


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Subject: The New I-64
Job No. J6I0978
St. Louis City and County
Request for Project Authorization

Dear Mr. Budd:

This letter is to request project authorization for Job No. J6I0978, The New I-64 in St. Louis City and county.

The planning process was followed. East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG), the St. Louis MPO, at their July 2005 Board meeting, approved funding for this project.

Air quality modeling has been done by EWG and we are in conformance. This was stated in the FEIS. The Record of Decision was issued on July 18, 2005.

FHWA has given conditional approval of the RFP, pending final submittals of the Project Management Plan and the Financial Plan, and it was published on May 15, 2006

MoDOT is purchasing all permanent R/W in compliance with MoDOT's R/W manual. The Contractor is responsible for buying any temporary easements needed, and also may buy additional permanent R/W at their cost. They are required to follow all provisions of 23 CFR & 49 CFR Part 24 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act hereinafter, "The Act," as amended, February 3, 2005. This is stated in the RFP.

Utilities have been identified and located along the corridor using Subsurface Utilities Engineering, and MoDOT is obtaining agreements with each utility company outlining cost obligations and the process that will be followed once the contractor has established their design and what relocations will be necessary. This information is included in the RFP.

There is one railroad, MetroLink, that crosses the corridor. MoDOT is working through an agreement with the owner, Bi-State (doing business as Metro), and will include requirements in the RFP as an addendum.

Sincerely,

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Project Director

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