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SUBJECT: NEPA/404 Merger Process Concurrence for the Alternatives to be Carried Forward for the Illinois Route 131 Project from Russell Road to Sunset Avenue, Lake County, Illinois

Matthew Fuller
Federal Highway Administration
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Dear Mr. Fuller:

This letter is in response to your request that the Department of the Army (Corps) review the above referenced project and provide concurrence with the Alternatives to be Carried Forward for the proposed project. Various Federal and state agencies are providing a concurrent review of the project under the terms and conditions as set forth in the "Statewide Implementation Agreement National Environmental Policy Act And Clean Water Act Section 404 Concurrent NEPA/404 Processes For Transportation Projects in Illinois".

Following a thorough review of the project documents, the Corps concurs that all applicable information has been received as it pertains to the Concurrence Point for Alternatives to be Carried Forward. Concurrence has now been reached for Purpose and Need and Alternatives to be Carried Forward. All documentation to date is sufficient for this stage and the project may now proceed to the next stage of project development.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Soren Hall of my staff by telephone at 312-846-5532, or email at Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Kathleen G. Chernich
Chief, East Section
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