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September 14, 2006

Mr. Allen Masuda, Division Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Masuda,

Subject: EIS Notification  
Route 63  
Osage, Maries, and Phelps Counties  
Job No. J5P0950

The intent of this letter is to notify FHWA about an upcoming project and to request that FHWA initiate the environmental review process. The project is located on Route 63, starting approximately 0.5 mi south of the Route 63/50 intersection in Osage County and terminates in Phelps County approximately 5.0 miles south of the Maries County line. The goal of this project is to complete an upgrade to Route 63, which is a major north-south roadway in Missouri, and to improve safety conditions along this predominately hilly and curvy facility. This project will also alleviate some congestion problems associated with some of the smaller communities along Route 63 and provide adequate access for future economic development. The total length of the project will be dependent upon which alternate is selected and approved. The length from the northern to southern termini points is approximately 47 miles; however, given the geographic location of the project, the overall length could exceed 50 miles.

Given the topography of the project area, it is anticipated that a Section 404 permit will be required. Potential participating agencies include the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS).

Sincerely,

Kevin Keith, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

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August 28, 2006

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Subject: EIS Notification  
East Columbia, Boone County  
Job No. J5S0636

Dear Mr. Masuda:

The intent of this letter is to notify FHWA about an upcoming project and to request that FHWA initiate the environmental review process. The project is located in the general East Columbia area and is bordered by Route 63 on the west and Route I-70 on the north. The goal of this project is to connect the two existing facilities with an arterial roadway that will alleviate congestion problems, improve safety conditions, and provide adequate access for future economic development. The total length of the project will be dependent upon which alternate is selected and approved. Given the project area boundaries, the minimum total length will be approximately 1.8 miles and the maximum total length will be approximately 6.2 miles.

Given the topography of the project area, it is anticipated that a Section 404 permit will be required. Potential participating agencies include the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS).

Sincerely,

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