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Ron Achelpohl  
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Dear Mr. Achelpohl:

The City of Kansas City in cooperation with MoDOT opened bids for the Route 169 interchanges at 96<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> Streets (Projects J4U1165 and J4U1166). These projects were funded by the City but since the improvements were substantially on MoDOT right of way, MoDOT administered the STP grant through their project delivery process and not as an LPA project.

The total budget for the project was \$24M of federal and local funds and was to construct the interchanges and upgrade 108<sup>th</sup> Street and construct new connecting streets at 96<sup>th</sup> Street. The apparent low bid amount was just under \$20M. Including right of way costs and other items, there will remain approximately \$3.5M in the project budget.

The City of Kansas City desired to issue a design-build project for \$24M and then use a rating system to determine which D-B team would provide the most improvements for the budget. However, MoDOT Central HQ made the determination that these interchanges were too small and not innovative for D-B. The City then requested that MoDOT include alternate projects but MoDOT has a policy that limits the number and amount of alternates. The City was put in a position to define the scope of the project before design had even begun and a decision was made to limit the scope of the new roadway approaches.

We are requesting approval to use the remaining funds to complete the new roadway approach on the 96<sup>th</sup> Street interchange to connect to Platte Purchase Drive. Completing the new approach, to be named Tiffany Springs Parkway, will provide a logical termini at 100<sup>th</sup> Street which connects to Green Hills Road. When improvements done by the KCI Corridor TIF are completed, Tiffany Springs Parkway will connect US 169 to I-29 and relieve traffic on Missouri Route 152.

At this time, the City has the right of way to construct the improvements, the environmental clearance completed by MoDOT, the USACE 404 permit, SHPO 106 clearance, and plans complete to advertise and construct the project in 2012. It was our desire to include as an alternate but the amount of improvements exceeded MoDOT's limits and FHWA has a formal opinion on change orders of a substantial scale that Tiffany Springs Parkway exceeds.

We realize that there may some questions about this request but pursuant to the agreement with MoDOT, the City had limited ability to control the scope of the project but had 100% of the liability to cover any cost overruns on the project. The City has a policy of including alternates in a project to provide the best value to our taxpayers for the limited capital dollars available.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherri K McIntyre". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sherri McIntyre, P.E.  
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Acting Director of Public Works