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SUBJECT: Type 3 Categorical Exclusion for proposed right-of-way preservation of four undeveloped parcels located at the southeast and southwest quadrant of the I-35/I-240 Interchange in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. Project IR-35-3(124), J/P 09032(04).

The Type 3 "Categorical Exclusion" for the proposed activity was approved by FHWA on June 8, 2004.

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Attachment

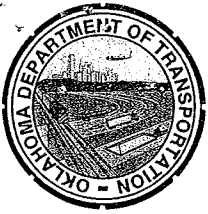
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Mr. Walter Kudzia, P.E.
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Attention Mr. Robert Rodriguez

Dear Mr. Kudzia:

Re: Type 3 "Categorical Exclusion" for Project IR-35-3(124), J/P 09032(04), proposed right-of-way preservation of four undeveloped parcels located at the southwest and southeast quadrant of the I-35/I-240 Interchange in Oklahoma City. Legal Descriptions NW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 3 West for the southeast quadrant, and NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 3 West for the southwest quadrant, Oklahoma County (see attached map).

The Department has completed environmental analysis and review of the referenced proposal. The referenced undeveloped parcels are a 16 acre tract at the southeast quadrant; 4 acre tract in the southwest quadrant; 3.5 acre tract in the southwest quadrant; and a 2.9 acre tract in the southwest quadrant. These parcels are needed for the future reconstruction of the I-35/I-240 Interchange. Recent coordination with the City of Oklahoma City Planning Commission revealed that proposed platting and development of the 16 acre tract at the southeast quadrant has been submitted for approval by the Planning Commission. An Environmental Assessment is being prepared to address the proposed future reconstruction of the interchange and all proposed build alternatives would impact the four undeveloped parcels.

The proposal is consistent with local, state and federal planning for the area and will not induce any significant impacts to planned growth or land use. There will be no significant impacts to travel patterns. The proposal will have no significant air, water or noise impacts. No residential, commercial or public agency relocations will occur. No known hazardous waste sites or leaking underground storage tanks will be affected by the proposal.

A cultural resources survey has been accepted by the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey in consultation with the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office. The project as designed will have no impact to standing structures on or eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. No Section 4(f) properties will be affected by the proposal. In addition, notes will be added to the plans to assure avoidance of any cultural resources outside the immediate area during construction.

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Two public meetings have been conducted regarding the proposed reconstruction of the I-35/I-240 Interchange. The first meeting was held on March 28, 2003 at the Ramada Inn Airport south located adjacent to the I-35/I-240 Interchange. The second meeting was held at the Oklahoma City Residency/Training Center located at SE 59th and I-35. A summary for both meetings is attached.

Development of the project including coordination and assessment of potential social, economic and environmental impacts has been considered in accordance with DOT ORDER 5610.1C, and CEQ REGULATIONS 40 CFR 1500 - 1508 as amended, 23 CFR 771.117 and the FHWA/ODOT Memorandum of Agreement dated February 8, 1995.

Department analysis has indicated the referenced proposal will not individually or cumulatively have any significant adverse environmental impacts. Implementation of this project as a "Categorical Exclusion" will satisfy requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Your concurrence in this determination of the proposed right-of-way preservation is hereby respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



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Planning & Research Division Engineer

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Attachments

Concur 
for Division Administrator, FHWA

Date 6/8/04