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Mr Joseph C. Szabo
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, DC

RE: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Midwest Regional Rail Initiative
Pre-application for Chicago Terminal Limits

Dear Mr. Szabo:

On behalf of the nine states of the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative, the Illinois Department of Transportation, as the lead State, is pleased to submit the pre-application for ARRA funding for the Chicago Terminal Limits project. As noted in the pre-application, the success of the MWRRS is dependent on the efficient operation of trains within a circumferential area of 40 miles from downtown Chicago. The purpose of the Chicago Terminal Limits project is to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to achieve efficient, economical, and on-time high speed and intercity passenger rail service in the Chicago region. IDOT seeks a cooperative agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration so that, together, we can deliver a 21st century high speed and intercity passenger rail service to the Midwest with Chicago as its hub.

The Chicago Terminal Limits pre-application is submitted in the following parts:

1. Master pre-application for the Chicago Terminal Limits that includes a list of Track 1B PE/NEPA project elements and three (3) Track 1A FD/Construction project elements
2. Project Element pre-application for FD/Construction of Englewood Flyover
3. Project Element pre-application for FD/Construction of Eola Yard
4. Project Element pre-application for FD/Construction of CPR Chicago to Rondout
5. Map of Terminal Limits
6. Project Element list by funding request

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this pre-application for the Chicago Terminal Limits. If you have any questions or remarks concerning the above, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

George E. Weber
Bureau Chief - Railroads