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Mr. Randall S. Blankenhorn
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Blankenhorn:

In order for Phase I of the I-90/94 at I-290 Circle Interchange Project to be completed, the federal law requires the project to be included in the region's long range plan, Go To 2040. I hereby request that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) update the long range plan to include this interchange project.

The I-90/94 at I-290 Circle Interchange Project initiated in May 2012 is a two year planning and design project which will identify the scope of improvements, potential construction costs and construction schedule. Phase I of the project is anticipated to be completed by May, 2013, with Phase II beginning upon completion of Phase I. Both phases are included in the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) 2013-2018 Multi-Year Highway Improvement Program.

While construction is currently unfunded, financial strategies are being investigated under the current study. IDOT will continue to work with CMAP to address the federal fiscal constraint requirements and will provide the necessary information required to perform the air quality conformity analysis.

I look forward to working with you to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann L. Schneider".

Ann L. Schneider
Secretary