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DATE: November 23, 2015

TO: Division Engineer, Design

Attn: Design Standards

SUBJECT: Public Interest Finding
Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project Phase II
Lathrop, Missouri
TAP-9900(120)

With reference to the above mentioned project, we request approval of a finding in the public interest to use the following:

1. *Brandon Industries - Series CL25 Commercial Lamp Post
AGB2 Acorn Globe Luminaire*

Phase I of the Downtown Streetscape Improvement project in Lathrop was completed in 2013. This project involved sidewalk removal/replacement and new ornamental lighting. To ensure that the improvements proposed in Phase 2 match the improvements in place, it is required that the specific items listed above be used for the proposed construction. Using products from different manufacturers will lead to different patterns on the light poles and luminaries, thus not matching the existing streetscape.

Our engineer, Snyder and Associates, has researched other options for these products through the design process and no other product can be guaranteed to match what was installed as part of Phase I.

The City has a long term plan to improve the remaining blocks of the downtown area with the same design and require that all blocks have the same look. Additionally, maintenance and replacement of items that is required over time will be much more difficult if each block has different lights. If each stretch of block contains different manufacturers the City will be required to keep or track down multiple styles of light poles/luminaries to complete any repairs.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Randy Mendenhall with Snyder & Associates at (816) 364-5222.

Sincerely,

Donald B. Moore, City Administrator
City of Lathrop

I do hereby certify that in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(2), this patented or proprietary item is essential for synchronization with existing highway facilities.

State Design Engineer