



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.

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FROM: Otis Williams, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: LETTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST FINDING
Federal Project Number: **STP-5402(709)**
Project Name: Washington Avenue Streetscape Improvements, Phase 3
Route: Washington Avenue
County: St. Louis City
Location: 7th Street to Memorial Drive
Anticipated Letting Date: March 15, 2015
Item: **STRESSCRETE LIGHT POLE**
Request Type: Approval

Project Description – This project will provide for the Streetscaping of Washington Avenue from 7th Street to Memorial Drive. The work will include, but is not limited to, removal of improvements, concrete curbs and gutters, incidental paving, driveway apron, waterproofing of vaults/basements under the sidewalks, replacement of deteriorated or non ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, rehabilitation of storm drainage structures, sign relocations, street lighting (roadway and pedestrian), landscaping and traffic control.

Exemption Description – Concrete light poles, Manufactured by StressCrete Group, are being specified on this project because this is the City's Light Pole provider. Should we deviate from this manufacturer, the City would not be willing to take over operations and maintenance of the street lighting. This request is for the entire project and shall last through the duration of the project.

Associated Cost – The cost of this pole has been compared against a roughly equivalent MoDOT light pole and foundation (pay items 901-10.30 and 901-82.30) and estimate that the pedestrian only pole will average \$307 per each more than the MoDOT equivalent and the combined roadway and pedestrian pole will average \$1607 per each more. The resultant being a \$37,052 increase in project cost.