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Ryan Kordek  
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**RE: Request for Amendment and/or Modification to the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Fiscal Year (FY) 25/26 – 29/30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Dear Mr. Kordek:

The purpose of this letter is to request the Polk TPO approve the following amendment/modification to the TIP FY 25/26 - 29/30 at the next Polk TPO Board meeting on June 11, 2026.

- **457234-1: EAST CENTRAL AVENUE CROSSING 625481Y**  
Amendment needed to add this Rail project to the current TIP FY 25/26. Railroad safety improvements and upgrades are part of Section 130 safety program aimed at eliminating railroad-highway hazards.

Please see enclosed table for project details. These projects must be shown and listed correctly in the Polk TPO TIP to show transparency and ensure authorization of funds.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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