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Ms. Rosemarie Andolino  
Executive Director, O'Hare Modernization Program  
City of Chicago  
8755 West Higgins Road  
Chicago, IL 60631

Dear Ms. Andolino,

Thank you for your May 17, 2005 letter regarding the intended construction of proposed Taxiway Lima Lima under the City of Chicago's O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) proposal. Given the projected future level of ground traffic activity in and around the portion of the airfield where Taxiway Lima Lima is proposed to be constructed, it is important to assure that no misunderstanding exists on our part concerning precisely when the City intends to construct this taxiway and have it available for use.

The City's May 17<sup>th</sup> letter states in general terms that the City of Chicago intends to build Taxiway Lima Lima as described in the draft Airport Layout Plan, the Master Plan, and as reflected in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). As addressed in prior discussions between our offices on this issue, the operational relationship between proposed Taxiway Lima Lima and proposed Runway 10C/28C is significant from an Air Traffic perspective under certain operating configurations. Consequently, the FAA seeks confirmation of the City's intent to assure that the construction and availability of proposed Taxiway Lima Lima precedes or coincides with the commissioning of proposed Runway 10C/28C. We request that you respond to us in regard to confirmation of this specific issue.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and clarification concerning this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry D. Cooper".

Barry D. Cooper  
Manager, Chicago Area Modernization Program Office