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Joint Approval of November 2015 revisions to the FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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Attention: Marc Williams

Dear Mr. Bass:

We have reviewed the November 2015 revisions to the FY 2015-2018 STIP transmitted with your January 5, 2016 letter and public involvement approved January 9, 2016. Based upon our review, these revisions to the STIP are hereby approved subject to the enclosed comments.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Ms. Genevieve Bales of the FHWA Texas Division at (512) 536-5941 or Ms. Lynn Hayes of the FTA Region VI office at (817) 978-0565 for additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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#	MPO /District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	AAMPO/San Antonio	0849-01-046	Approved. Please disregard additional ESTIP comment on 1/15/16 (G.Wood).
2	AAMPO/San Antonio	2104-02-027	Approved.
3	CAMPO/Austin	0015-09-180	Approved. However, the MTP reference noted in CAMPO's supporting documentation (revised 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program pages) should be revised to reflect the portion of IH-35 within Williamson County.
4	CAMPO/Austin	0015-13-378	Approved. However, the MTP reference noted in CAMPO's supporting documentation (revised 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program pages) should be revised to reflect the portion of IH-35 within Travis County.
5	CAMPO/Austin	0015-13-380	Approved. However, the MTP reference noted in CAMPO's supporting documentation (revised 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program pages) should be revised to reflect the portion of IH-35 within Travis County and to reflect the appropriate funding amounts for category "2M" (\$874,200) and the "Funding by Share" total (\$20,591,200) in the "Funding By Category" column.
6	CAMPO/Austin	General	It is noted that the "2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Highway Financial Summary - Year of Expenditure Costs" included in CAMPO's November 2015 STIP revision supporting documentation reflects \$554,994 in "Category 3 - Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Project" funding in FY 2018. However, the accompanying "Funding Participation Source" summary does not appear to reflect any Category 3 funding in FY 2018. Please clarify or revise the funding summaries as appropriate.
7	EPMPPO/EI Paso	0924-06-528	Approved. Please note that this approval is limited to Federally eligible project elements.
8	H-GAC/Houston	7602	Approved. However, it is noted that the project description appears to have been modified. Please clarify.

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9	H-GAC/Houston	15556	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending receipt of estimated emission reductions for the proposed project. Additionally, H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP (MPOID 15556) does not appear to reflect expansion of the Magnolia Transit Center. Please clarify.
10	H-GAC/Houston	16222	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending receipt of estimated emission reductions for the proposed project. Additionally, the proposed project's scope of work and let year do not appear to be consistent with that noted in H-GAC's 2040 RTP. Please clarify.
11	H-GAC/Houston	17009	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending receipt of estimated emission reductions for the proposed project. Additionally, the project history indicates that the construction phase of the proposed project is reflected in MPOID 15556. However, MPOID 15556 does not appear to reflect expansion of the Magnolia Transit Center. Please clarify.
12	H-GAC/Houston	17028	Not approved. The proposed project description includes street furniture, bollards and enhanced transit stops. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of these items and their eligibility for Transportation Alternatives Program funding. Additionally, please verify the project limits as the information provided in H-GAC's Amendment 37 documentation reflects "VA" for the project limits.
13	H-GAC/Houston	17031	Not approved. The proposed project description includes the construction of planting strip barriers. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification regarding the proposed planting strip barriers and eligibility for Transportation Alternatives Program funding.

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14	H-GAC/Houston	17044	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 7 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 7 funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP and clarification of funding modification to reflect \$2,397,000 in State only funding.
15	H-GAC/Houston	17045	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 7 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 7 funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP and clarification of funding modification to reflect \$1,371,000 in State only funding.
16	H-GAC/Houston	17059	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 7 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 7 funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP.
17	H-GAC/Houston	17102	Approved. However, please confirm the project facility.
18	H-GAC/Houston	0027-07-032	Not approved. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification that project limits noted in H-GAC's Amendment 37 are consistent with the project limits noted in H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP.

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19	H-GAC/Houston	0027-13-210 0027-13-211	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 1 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 1 funding. Additionally, H-GAC's amendment 37 indicates that the proposed project is located on IH 69, however the STIP does not appear to reflect a project facility. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP and project facility.
20	H-GAC/Houston	0089-09-067	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 1 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 1 funding. Additionally, assuming a 2-year construction cycle the proposed project is anticipated to be completed in 2018, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP indicates a 2025 conformity analysis year. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP.
21	H-GAC/Houston	0089-09-083	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 1 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 1 funding. Additionally, the proposed project does not appear to be included in H-GAC's 2040 RTP. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP.
22	H-GAC/Houston	0271-17-146	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 1 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 1 funding. Additionally, H-GAC's Amendment 37 indicates the proposed project's scope of work as reconstruction, however the STIP reflects construction. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's scope of work and consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP.

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23	H-GAC/Houston	0598-01-092	Not Approved. The "Total Project Cost" noted for the proposed project is substantially greater than the total project cost noted in H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the noted funding discrepancy.
24	H-GAC/Houston	0912-71-799	Not approved. STIP entry includes an additional \$184,302.00 in local (3LC) funding not reflected in H-GAC's Amendment 35. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the noted funding discrepancy.
25	H-GAC/Houston	1062-04-057 1062-04-058 1062-04-022	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 7 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 7 funding. Additionally, H-GAC's 2040 RTP indicates a 2018 conformity analysis year for the proposed project, however the proposed project's let year is noted as 2018. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP.
26	H-GAC/Houston	1400-03-006 1685-01-092 0177-14-010 0177-15-003	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 7 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 7 funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP.
27	H-GAC/Houston	17010 17041	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending receipt of estimated emission reductions for the proposed project and clarification of the proposed project's scope of work and eligibility for CMAQ funding (e.g., is the project providing new or replacement access to a new or existing park and ride).

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28	H-GAC/Houston	17012 17027 1685-01-090	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending receipt of estimated emission reductions for the proposed project.
29	H-GAC/Houston	17015 17014 17013 17107 17105 17083	Not approved. All phases of the proposed project do not appear to be included within H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP.
30	H-GAC/Houston	17017 17047	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending receipt of estimated emission reductions for the proposed project and clarification of the proposed project's scope of work and eligibility for CMAQ funding.
31	H-GAC/Houston	17030 17032	Not approved. The proposed description of work for these projects includes the installation of bus shelters. Approval of these revisions is withheld pending clarification concerning the proposed bus shelters and eligibility for Transportation Alternatives Program funding.
32	H-GAC/Houston	17033 17058 1005-02-001 0110-04-129	Not approved. The proposed project's scope of work reflects added capacity. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification that the proposed project is consistent with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP and associated transportation conformity determination (e.g., project is not regionally significant).
33	H-GAC/Houston	17042 0271-17-161 17046 17043	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 1 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 1 funding. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP.

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34	H-GAC/Houston	17060 17050 2093-01-010	Not approved. The proposed project reflects the use of Proposition 7 funding, however H-GAC's 2040 RTP does not appear to reflect Proposition 7 funding. Additionally, the proposed project does not appear to be included in H-GAC's 2040 RTP. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming and fiscally constrained 2040 RTP.
35	Rural/Lubbock	0053-01-120	Approved. Early STIP approval action was provided for this project on January 15, 2016.
36	Rural/Lufkin	0475-11-031	Not Approved. Added capacity is not eligible for grouping. Please provide additional information on the change of scope.
37	TAMPO/Tyler	0910-16-134	Not Approved. The purchase of an abandoned railroad corridor does not qualify as a transportation project.
38	Victoria MPO/Yoakum	0088-05-092	Approved. However, the appropriate 2015-2018 Victoria Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program pages reflecting the proposed revision should be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Portal supporting documentation.