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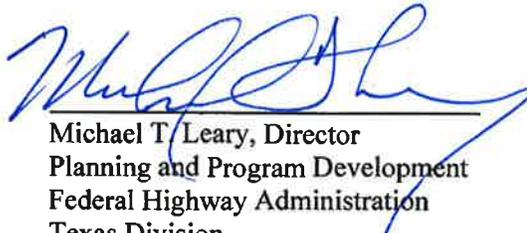
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	AMA / A-MPO	0904-02-040	Not Approved. Please identify roadway name.
	AMA / A-MPO	0904-11-061	Not Approved. Please identify roadway name.
	AUS / CAMPO	100071.00	Not approved. The revised MPO TIP page reflects the "Cost of Approved Phases" as \$0. However, the e-STIP project entry reflects the "Cost of Approved Phases" as \$150,000. Approval is withheld pending clarification of this discrepancy.
	AUS / CAMPO	100075.00	Not approved. No total project cost information is provided in the revised MPO TIP page or e-STIP project entry. Additionally, the Year of Expenditure project cost reflected in the revised MPO TIP page and e-STIP project entry is inconsistent with the project cost noted in the October 2016 CAMPO TIP revisions. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	AUS / CAMPO	100080.00	Not approved. No total project cost (TPC) information is provided in the revised MPO TIP page or e-STIP project entry. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the TPC information.
	AUS / CAMPO	100083.00	Approved. However, please clarify discrepancy between the Year of Expenditure cost and total project cost reflected in the revised MPO TIP page and e-STIP project entry.
	AUS / CAMPO	100084.00	Not approved. The phase of work reflected in the revised MPO TIP page and e-STIP project entry indicates engineering (E) and right-of-way (R), however the October 2016 MPO TIP revision only reflects design and environmental (E). Approval is withheld pending clarification of this discrepancy.
	AUS / CAMPO	100085.00	Not approved. The project description does not reflect the number of frontage road and bridge lanes to be constructed. Additionally, the phase of work indicates engineering (E) and right-of-way (R), however the October 2016 MPO TIP revision only reflects design and environmental (E). Also, the right-of-way cost noted in the revised MPO TIP page as part of the total project cost information is reflected as "\$100,00.00". Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.

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	AUS / CAMPO	100086.00	Not approved. The total project cost reflected in the revised MPO TIP page and e-STIP project entry is substantially greater than the project cost reflected in the CAMPO 2040 RTP. Additionally, the phase of work reflected in the revised MPO TIP page and e-STIP project entry indicates engineering (E) and right-of-way (R), however the October 2016 CAMPO MPO TIP revision only reflects design and environmental (E). Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	AUS / CAMPO	0000-00-002	Not approved. The phase of work and federal funding share reflected in the revised MPO TIP page are inconsistent with the information reflected in the e-STIP project entry. Additionally, the project limits reflected in Attachment A of the MPO's October 12, 2015 action concerning TAP projects, are unclear regarding the proposed improvements. Also, the project does not appear to be reflected in the October 2016 RTP/TIP revisions. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	AUS / CAMPO	0000-01-117	Not approved. The project does not appear to be reflected within the revised MPO TIP pages or the October 2016 CAMPO TIP revisions. Additionally, the e-STIP project entry does not reflect the facility on which the project is located. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	AUS / CAMPO	0015-08-140	Not approved. The October 2016 CAMPO 2040 RTP revisions indicate the source of funding for this project as Develop Authority (DA). Approval is withheld pending verification that DA funding is available for this project.
	AUS / CAMPO	0015-08-142	Not approved. The project description does not indicate the number of one-way frontage road lanes resulting from the proposed improvement. Approval is withheld pending clarification of this item.

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	AUS / CAMPO	0016-02-149 0016-03-110 0337-01-043 0016-03-114 0471-05-038 0471-04-030 0471-02-070 1186-01-091 0016-01-121	Not approved. The revised MPO TIP pages and e-STIP project entries indicate deletion of these projects. However, the October 2016 CAMPO TIP revisions do not appear to indicate deletion of these projects. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these discrepancies.
	AUS / CAMPO	0265-04-062	Not approved. The project does not appear to be reflected in the October 2016 CAMPO RTP/TIP revisions and does not appear to be consistent with the CAMPO 2040 RTP. Additionally, the project description does not reflect the number of frontage road and bridge lanes to be constructed. Also, the right-of-way cost reflected as part of the total project cost in the revised MPO TIP page is noted as \$2,435,0000.00. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	AUS / CAMPO	0265-05-076	Not approved. The project does not appear to be consistent with the CAMPO 2040 RTP. Also, the project does not appear to be reflected in the October 2016 CAMPO RTP/TIP revisions. Additionally, the project description does not indicate the number of bridge lanes, main lanes or frontage road lanes to be constructed. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	AUS / CAMPO	0265-13-023	Not approved. The project description reflected in the revised MPO TIP page and e-STIP project entry does not indicate the extent of widening to be constructed (e.g., number of existing and/or proposed lanes). Additionally, the CAMPO 2040 RTP project description is unclear regarding the improvements to be implemented (i.e., project scope). Also, the project does not appear to be reflected in the October 2016 CAMPO RTP/TIP revisions. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.

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	AUS / CAMPO	0683-01-094	Not approved. The project does not appear to be reflected in the October 2016 CAMPO TIP revisions. Additionally, the project CSJ reflected in the revised MPO TIP page is inconsistent with the CSJ noted in the e-STIP project entry. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	AUS / CAMPO	0914-00-386	Not approved. Project description does not reflect the location of the proposed project (e.g., CAMPO planning area versus individual counties or corridors). Additionally, project does not appear to be reflected in the October 2016 CAMPO TIP revisions. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	AUS / CAMPO	0914-22-070	Not approved. Project does not appear to be reflected in the October 2016 CAMPO TIP revisions. Approval is withheld pending clarification of this discrepancy.
	AUS / CAMPO	0914-33-075	Not approved. The Year of Expenditure (YOE) cost and project let year reflected in the revised MPO TIP page are inconsistent with the YOE cost and let year reflected in the e-STIP project entry. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	AUS / CAMPO	1186-01-090	Not approved. The year of expenditure cost and total project cost reflected in the revised MPO TIP page and e-STIP project entry appears inconsistent with that noted in the October 2016 CAMPO TIP revisions. Approval is withheld pending clarification of this discrepancy.
	AUS / CAMPO	1566-01-009	Not approved. The phase of work reflected in the revised MPO TIP page is noted as construction (C) and engineering (E). However, the phase or work reflected in the e-STIP project entry is construction (C), engineering (E) and right-of-way (R). Approval is withheld pending clarification of this discrepancy.
	AUS / CAMPO	1566-02-020	Not approved. The project does not appear to be consistent with the CAMPO 2040 RTP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of this discrepancy.

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	AUS / CAMPO	1776-02-018	Not approved. Project does not appear to be reflected in the October 2016 CAMPO TIP revisions. Additionally, the total project cost reflected in the revised MPO TIP page and e-STIP project entry is substantially higher than that reflected in the CAMPO 2040 RTP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	AUS / CAMPO	Weiss Lane Project	Not approved. This project does not appear to be reflected within the revised MPO TIP pages. Additionally, the project description appears inconsistent with that reflected in the October 2016 CAMPO TIP revisions. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
	DAL / NCTCOG	0009-04-060	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017, FY 2019
	DAL / NCTCOG	0009-04-064	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2019
	DAL / NCTCOG	0009-05-012	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2019
	DAL / NCTCOG	0009-12-217	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2018
	DAL / NCTCOG	0092-01-052	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017
	DAL / NCTCOG	0261-03-030	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2018, FY 2019, FY 2020
	DAL / NCTCOG	0261--03-030	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. Also, unable to determine Cat5/CMAQ funding eligibility with the information provided. FY 2017

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	DAL / NCTCOG	0261-03-064	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017
	DAL / NCTCOG	0261-03-074	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017
	DAL / NCTCOG	0442-02-088	Not Approved. Unable to determine Cat5/CMAQ funding eligibility with the information provided. FY 2017
	DAL / NCTCOG	049S-01-075	Not Approved. Unable to determine Cat5/CMAQ funding eligibility with the information provided. FY 2017
	DAL / NCTCOG	0549-03-021	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2019
	DAL / NCTCOG	0816-04-948	Not Approved. The HWY description does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017
	DAL / NCTCOG	0918-00-255	Not Approved. Unable to determine Cat5/CMAQ funding eligibility with the information provided. FY 2017
	DAL / NCTCOG	0918-22-924	Not Approved. Unable to determine Cat5/CMAQ funding eligibility with the information provided. FY 2017
	DAL / NCTCOG	0918-24-213	Not Approved. Proposed project does not appear consistent with 2014 RTC selection/listing. FY 2017
	DAL / NCTCOG	0918-47-177	Not Approved. Unable to determine eligibility with the information provided. FY 2017
	DAL / NCTCOG	0918-47-998	Not Approved. Unable to determine Cat5/CMAQ funding eligibility with the information provided. FY 2018
	EI Paso MPO	0924-06-503	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 04/28/2017.
	ELP / EPMPO	0924-02-107	Not Approved. Please clarify this project as it is identified as an operational improvement and non-exempt.
	ELP / EPMPO	0924-06-534	Not Approved. Please clarify the description of work and use of Cat5/CMAQ on this project.

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	ELP / EPMPO	0924-06-552	Not Approved. Please provide environmental clearance and state safety oversight documentation to Federal partners.
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	ELP / EPMPO	1046-03-005	Not Approved. The supporting documentation (MPO Letter) does not appear consistent with the revised TIP/MTP/ESTIP. Please clarify the proposed amendment, back up documentation, and update the total project cost. Additionally, the conformity table included requires additional description and discussion.
	ELP / EPMPO	1067-01-115	Not Approved. Unable to determine the CMAQ (CAT5) funding eligibility for this project based on the information provided. Please describe how this project will connect to multimodal traveler information system(s) existing or proposed.
	ELP / Rural	0924-10-007	Approved. Please advise of the Federal action for this project. It is 100 percent State funded and located in a State park.
	ELP / Rural	0924-35-021	Approved. Please advise of the Federal action for this project. It is 100 percent State funded and located in a wildlife management area.
	FTW / NCTCOG	0008-13-221	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017
	FTW / NCTCOG	0014-02-050	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017
	FTW / NCTCOG	0081-12-047	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION is not consistent with previously conveyed information. Additionally, no additional STIP action required as funding for this project was previously authorized. FY 2017
	FTW / NCTCOG	0081-13-054	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION is not consistent with previously conveyed information. Additionally, no additional STIP action required as funding for this project was previously authorized. FY 2017
	FTW / NCTCOG	0314-07-052	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017, FY 2019

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	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-00-138	Not approved. Unable to determine eligibility with the information provided. FY 2017
	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-025	Not Approved. Proposed project does not appear consistent with 2014 RTC selection/listing. FY 2018
	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-048	Not Approved. Unable to determine statement of work and basis for eligibility with the information provided. FY 2017
	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-051	Not Approved. Unable to determine statement of work and basis for eligibility with the information provided. FY 2018
	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-920	Not Approved. Unable to determine statement of work and basis for eligibility with the information provided. FY 2019+A45:D48
	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-945	Not Approved. Unable to determine Cat5/CMAQ funding eligibility with the information provided. FY 2017
	FTW / NCTCOG	1068-04-147	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017, FY 2019
	FTW / NCTCOG	1068-04-170	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017, FY 2019
	FTW / NCTCOG	2266-02-148	Not Approved. The DESCRIPTION does not appear to be consistent between the TIP and the currently conforming 2040 MTP as based on the MTP REFERENCE. FY 2017, FY 2019, FY 2020
	HOU/H-GAC	0271-17-145	Not approved. H-GAC's 2040 RTP indicates that the proposed project is exempt from a regional emissions analysis. Approval is withheld pending clarification that the revised project scope is exempt from a regional emissions analysis.
	HOU/H-GAC	0912-00-544	Not approved. The e-STIP project entry reflects the phase of work as engineering (E). However, H-GAC's Amendment 1 does not appear to indicate the phase of work proposed for this project. Approval is withheld pending clarification of this item.
	HOU/H-GAC	0912-00-560	Not approved. The e-STIP project entry does not indicate the facility for the proposed project. Additionally, the total project cost information appears to only address the engineering (E) phase of the project. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.

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	HOU/H-GAC	0912-01-093 (MPO ID 16125)	Not approved. H-GAC's Amendment 3 reflects a 2015 fiscal year for this project. However, the current STIP does not include the 2015 fiscal year. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's fiscal year.
	HOU/H-GAC	0912-34-143	Approved. Approval based upon previous funding clarifications provided by H-GAC on 10/12/2016 and 11/10/2016.
	HOU/H-GAC	0912-34-192	Not approved. The total project cost information reflected in the e-STIP project entry appears to only address the engineering (E) phase of the project. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the total project cost.
	HOU/H-GAC	0912-71-695	Approved. Approval based upon previous funding clarifications provided by H-GAC on 10/12/2016 and 11/10/2016.
	HOU/H-GAC	0912-72-361 0050-06-088	These projects are reflected in H-GAC's Amendment 9, however corresponding e-STIP revisions are not reflected. Please clarify.
	HOU/H-GAC	0912-72-388	Not approved. The e-STIP project entry indicates the project limits to be from Navigation Blvd./Commerce St. to Clay St., however H-GAC's Amendment 4 and 2040 RTP does not reflect Clay St. as a project limit. Approval is withheld pending clarification of this item.
	HOU/H-GAC	0920-39-023	Not approved. Project authorized as part of the FY 2015-2018 STIP.
	HOU/H-GAC	1258-03-044	Not approved. The project is noted as letting in 2017, assuming a 2-year construction time-frame it is expected that this project would be completed in 2019. However H-GAC's conforming 2040 RTP indicates a 2017 analysis year (i.e., project completion in 2017). Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2040 RTP.
	HOU/H-GAC	1400-04-037	Approved. However, please clarify the basis for the emissions reductions reflected in the corresponding project information.
	HOU/H-GAC	17133 17137 17138 17139	Not approved. Proposed project funding noted as Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds and reflects a 100 percent Federal share. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the projects' scope and a determination of CMAQ eligibility and eligibility for a 100 percent Federal share.

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	HOU/H-GAC	17135 17141	Not approved. The year of expenditure cost and total project cost reflected in the e-STIP project entry is substantially greater than the project cost reflected in H-GAC's 2040 RTP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of this discrepancy.
	HOU/H-GAC	17136 17142	Not approved. Proposed project funding noted as Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's scope and a determination of CMAQ eligibility.
	HOU/H-GAC	3271-01-015	Not Approved. The project description provided in H-GAC's Amendment 10 does not include 10 foot shoulders as noted in the e-STIP project entry. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project description.
	LRD / Rural	0922-11-032	Not Approved. Please identify road name and limits for the project.
	LRD	0300-01-080	Not approved. The project description indicates widening of highway, but does not indicate if lanes are being added, and if so the number of lanes being added or resulting number of lanes. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project description.
	LRD	0300-01-097	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 04/28/2017.
	NCTCOG	0047-14-080	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 05/02/2017.
	NCTCOG	0091-05-053 (FY 2018)	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 04/28/2017.
	NCTCOG	0095-02-118	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 04/28/2017.
	NCTCOG	0095-14-026	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 04/28/2017.
	NCTCOG	0196-03-268	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 04/28/2017.
	NCTCOG	0314-07-046	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 04/28/2017.
	NCTCOG	0314-07-052	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 05/02/2017. Approval based upon revised MPO Transportation Plan (Mobility 2040) information provided by TxDOT on 04/28/2017.
	NCTCOG	2374-04-049	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 04/28/2017.
	PHR / HCMPO	0863-01-066	Not Approved. Location of project cannot be discerned from the limits and description as provided. Please update project to clearly identify name and location.

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	PHR / H-SBMPO	0039-06-046	Not Approved. Please identify roadway name.
	PHR / H-SBMPO	0327-08-092	Not Approved. Please identify roadway name.
	PHR / H-SBMPO	0921-06-254	Not Approved. Please identify roadway name.
	SJT / Statewide	7107-07-003	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 04/28/2017.
	SJT / Statewide	7107-08-004	Approved. Early STIP action, approval effective 04/28/2017.