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Joint Approval of February 2018 revisions to the FY 2017-2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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Attention: Marc Williams

Dear Mr. Bass:

We have reviewed the February 2018 revisions to the FY 2017-2020 STIP transmitted with your May 1, 2018 letter, transmitted on April 30, 2018. Based upon our review, these revisions to the STIP are hereby approved subject to the enclosed comments.

Please note STIP approval for projects that are not federally funded is not intended to provide federal endorsement or action. Furthermore, projects proposing to utilize existing freeway shoulders for travel during portions of the day should be coordinated with FHWA's Texas Division Planning and Program Development staff prior to inclusion of the proposed project in the MPO's TIP and MTP. Information concerning the use of freeway shoulders for travel is available at:

<https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop15023/fhwahop15023.pdf>

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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Enclosure

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### - Federal Comments

#	District / MPO	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	General	N/A	Projects proposing to utilize existing freeway shoulders for travel during portions of the day should be coordinated with FHWA's Texas Division Planning and Program Development staff prior to inclusion of the proposed project in the MPO's TIP and MTP. Information concerning the use of freeway shoulders for travel is available at: <a href="https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop15023/fhwahop15023.pdf">https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop15023/fhwahop15023.pdf</a>
2	AUS / CAMPO	2100-01-054	Not Approved. Project description reflected in February 2018 administrative amendments provided with the supporting documentation includes construction of connector road. However, this appears inconsistent with the project description reflected in the revised MPO TIP and e-STIP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project description.
3	AUS / CAMPO	2100-01-060	Not Approved. Project description includes construction of new connector road. However, the number of lanes and limits associated with the connector road are not provided. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project description.
4	DAL / NCTCOG	0364-01-148	Approved. Project approved as an operational improvement proposing the utilization of freeway shoulders as travel lanes for portions of the day. Future projects proposing the utilization of shoulders as travel lanes should be coordinated with FHWA's Planning and Program Development staff prior to inclusion in the TIP/MTP.
5	ELP / EPMPO	0924-06-534	Approved. The use of CMAQ funds for this project is limited to approved eligible items (bike lane and path).
6	ELP / EPMPO	0924-06-563	Not Approved. Project scope is inconsistent with conforming Horizon 2040 MTP.
7	ELP / EPMPO	1046-03-005	Approved. The 2040 Horizon MTP and 2017-2020 TIP/STIP project descriptions indicate the construction of two direct connectors. However, project level Hot-Spot analysis documentation provided separately indicates the construction of three direct connectors. Please take steps to ensure all documents are consistent.

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8	HOU / H-GAC	0111-08-100	Not Approved. Project let year noted as 2019, assuming a 2-year construction time-frame it is anticipated that project would be completed in 2021 and reflected in the 2021 analysis year. However, a 2025 analysis year is indicated in the H-GAC 2040 RTP project listing (Appendix 3). Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's estimated time of completion.
9	HOU / H-GAC	0543-02-065	Not Approved. Project funding reflected in e-STIP is inconsistent with that indicated in H-GAC's December 2017 TIP revision. Also, the project let year is noted as 2018, assuming a 2-year construction time-frame it is anticipated that the project would be completed in 2020 and reflected in the 2021 analysis year. However, a 2025 analysis year is indicated in H-GAC's 2040 RTP project listing (Appendix 3). Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's funding and completion date.
10	HOU / H-GAC	0720-02-074	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on October 12, 2016 concerning the 3-TOLL and 3RTR funding categories.
11	HOU / H-GAC	0720-03-133	Approved. Early STIP action approval is effective May 8, 2018.
12	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-556 (MPO ID 11914)	Not Approved. March 2018 TIP/RTP modification combines projects MPO ID 11914 and 11915. However, an updated 2040 RTP project listing reflecting the March 2018 TIP/RTP modifications does not appear to be included in the supporting documentation. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the projects consistency with H-GACs 2040 RTP. Also, it is recommended that e-STIP reflect the use of TDCs for the proposed project as indicated in the March 2018 TIP/RTP modifications.
13	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-557 (MPO ID 11915)	Not Approved. March 2018 TIP/RTP modification combines projects MPO ID 11914 and 11915. However, an updated 2040 RTP project listing reflecting the March 2018 TIP/RTP modifications does not appear to be included in the supporting documentation. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the projects consistency with H-GACs 2040 RTP.

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14	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-580	Not Approved. Project funding and limits reflected in e-STIP are inconsistent with that indicated in H-GAC's December 2017 TIP modification, included in the supporting documentation. Supporting documentation indicates that an administrative modification was completed in March 2018, however the administrative modification does not appear to be included in the supporting documentation. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the noted inconsistencies.
15	HOU / H-GAC	0912-72-373 (MPO ID 17129)	Not Approved. March 2018 TIP/RTP modification combines projects MPO ID 17129 and 17054. However, the 2040 RTP project listing provided with H-GAC's January 2018 transportation conformity determination appears to reflect the combined project. Also, an updated 2040 RTP project listing reflecting the March 2018 TIP/RTP modifications does not appear to be included in the supporting documentation. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2040 RTP.
16	HOU / H-GAC	0912-72-373 (MPO ID 17054)	Not Approved. Proposed project is not included in H-GAC's 2040 RTP project listing (Appendix 3) provided with H-GAC's January 2018 transportation conformity determination. Additionally, an updated 2040 RTP project listing reflecting the March 2018 TIP/RTP modifications does not appear to be included in the supporting documentation. Approval is withheld pending clarification of consistency of the proposed revision with H-GAC's 2040 RTP.
17	HOU / H-GAC	0912-73-214	Not Approved. Project funding reflected in e-STIP is inconsistent with that indicated in H-GAC's December 2017 TIP modification, included in the supporting documentation. Supporting documentation indicates that an administrative modification was completed in March 2018, however the administrative modification does not appear to be included in the supporting documentation. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project funding.

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18	HOU / H-GAC	0920-39-024	Not Approved. Proposed project does not appear to be reflected in H-GAC's 2040 RTP project listing (Appendix 3) provided with H-GAC's January 2018 transportation conformity determination. Additionally, an updated 2040 RTP project listing reflecting the March 2018 TIP/RTP modifications does not appear to be included in the supporting documentation. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2040 RTP.
19	HOU / H-GAC	0920-39-025	Not Approved. TPC information reflected in e-STIP is inconsistent with that noted in H-GAC's March 2018 TIP modification. Also, the proposed project is not included in H-GAC's 2040 RTP project listing provided with H-GAC's January 2018 transportation conformity determination. Additionally, an updated 2040 RTP project listing reflecting the March 2018 TIP/RTP modifications does not appear to be included in the supporting documentation. Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
20	HOU / H-GAC	1258-02-034	Not Approved. Project let year noted as 2018, assuming a 2-year construction time-frame it is anticipated that the project would be completed in 2020 and reflected in the 2021 analysis year. However, a 2025 analysis year is indicated in H-GAC's 2040 RTP project listing (Appendix 3). Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's estimated time of completion.
21	HOU / H-GAC	General	The Fiscal Year 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 Category 3 funding information reflected in the Statewide Financial summary appears to reflect all Category 3 funding as LC (local contribution). However, this appears inconsistent with the MPO financial summary information provided with H-GAC's supporting documentation. Please clarify and/or revise as appropriate.
22	HOU / H-GAC	MPO ID 16345	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on October 12, 2016 concerning the Local and Local Contribution funding categories.
23	HOU / H-GAC	MPO ID 17149	Not Approved. Proposed project does not appear to be reflected in the H-GAC 2040 RTP project listing (Appendix 3). Approval withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2040 RTP.
24	SAT / AAMPO	1479-01-024	Approved. Early STIP action approval is effective May 8, 2018.
25	SAT / AAMPO	2255-01-083	Approved. Early STIP action approval is effective May 8, 2018.
26	SAT / AAMPO	2452-02-118	Approved. Early STIP action approval is effective May 8, 2018.

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27	SAT / AAMPO	2452-02-119	Approved. Early STIP action approval is effective May 8, 2018.
28	SAT / AAMPO	2452-03-112	Approved. Early STIP action approval is effective May 8, 2018.
29	SAT / AAMPO	2452-03-112	Approved. Early STIP action approval is effective May 8, 2018.
30	SAT / AAMPO	2452-03-118	Approved. Early STIP action approval is effective May 8, 2018.