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FHWA Approval of the February 2020 Quarterly
Revisions to the FY 2019-2022 Statewide
Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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Attention: Peter Smith

Dear Mr. Bass:

We reviewed the February 2020 Quarterly Revisions to the FY 2019-2022 STIP transmitted with your March 9, 2020 letter, and TxDOT's April 7th updated STIP fiscal constraint summary. Based on our review the revisions to the FY 2019-2022 STIP are hereby approved subject to the enclosed comments. Please note STIP approval of projects that are not federally funded is not intended to provide federal endorsement or action.

Additionally, in accordance with our October 21, 2015 letter, TxDOT has been utilizing estimated Develop Authority (DA) to demonstrate the availability of sufficient project funding for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance actions for projects in rural portions of the State not consistent with the fiscally constrained STIP. This demonstration of funding availability has been provided to FHWA and FTA. However, the February 2020 Quarterly STIP Revision Develop Authority Summary Sheet (copy enclosed) indicates an over programming of DA of approximately \$2.6 billion. As TxDOT is unable to demonstrate fiscal constraint for DA projects, NEPA clearance actions for projects utilizing DA should not be completed, unless the project is consistent with a fiscally constrained MPO MTP and TIP.

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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**2020 February STIP Revisions
Federal Comments**

#	DISTRICT / MPO	CSJ NUMBER	STIP COMMENT
1	STATEWIDE	General	The statewide fiscal constraint summary provided with the February 2020 Quarterly revisions to the FY 2019-2022 STIP reflects the FY 2019 Category 3 Texas Mobility Funds (TMF) funding for H-GAC as \$697,813. However, H-GAC's FY 2019-2022 TIP fiscal constraint summary provided with H-GAC's February 2020 Quarterly revision supporting documentation reflects FY 2019 Category 3 TMF funding as \$694,813. Please clarify this inconsistency.
2	STATEWIDE	7124-01-003	Approved. Approval is based on the Statewide Financial summary revised 4.7.2020.
3	AUS / CAMPO	0016-02-152	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 03/13/2020.
4	AUS / CAMPO	0113-13-166	Approved. Approval based upon CAMPO 04/03/2020 TPC/YOE clarification.
5	AUS / CAMPO	0113-13-167	Approved. Approval based upon CAMPO 04/03/2020 TPC/YOE clarification.
6	AUS / CAMPO	0151-05-113	Approved. However, please clarify project sponsor. CAMPO 12/09/2019 TIP revision documentation and 04/03/2020 TPC/YOE clarification reflect project sponsor as CTRMA/TxDOT. CAMPO 2040 RTP and e-STIP project entry reflect project sponsor as TxDOT.
7	AUS / CAMPO	0204-01-063	Not approved. Project description indicates the number of lanes being added with the proposed project. However, the project description does not reflect the existing number of lanes. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project scope.
8	AUS / CAMPO	0286-01-057	Not approved. Project location (county) is noted as Hays county in CAMPO 12/09/2019 TIP revision documentation, CAMPO 04/03/2020 TPC/YOE clarification, CAMPO 2040 RTP and e-STIP project entry. However, it appears that all or a portion of the project may be located in Caldwell county. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project location (county).
9	AUS / CAMPO	0286-02-034	Not approved. Project location (county) and project sponsor reflected in CAMPO 12/09/2019 TIP revision documentation, CAMPO 04/03/2020 TPC/YOE clarification, CAMPO 2040 RTP and e-STIP project entry are inconsistent. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project location (county) and sponsor.
10	AUS / CAMPO	0805-04-033	Not approved. Project description and funding not consistent with CAMPO 12/09/2019 TIP revision documentation and CAMPO 04/03/2020 TPC/YOE clarification. Additionally, project description does not indicate at which intersections turns lanes will be constructed. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project scope and funding.
11	AUS / CAMPO	0805-04-034	Not approved. Project description and funding not consistent with CAMPO 12/09/2019 TIP revision documentation and CAMPO 04/03/2020 TPC/YOE clarification. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project scope and funding.
12	AUS / CAMPO	0914-04-273	Approved. Approval based upon CAMPO 04/03/2020 TPC/YOE clarification.

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13	AUS / CAMPO	0914-04-329	Not approved. Project location (county) reflected as Travis and Bastrop counties in CAMPO 12/09/2019 TIP revision documentation and 04/03/2020 TPC/YOE clarification. However, revised MPO TIP page, e-STIP project entry and CAMPO 2040 RTP reflect only Travis county. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project location.
14	AUS / CAMPO	1539-02-026	Approved. Early STIP approval action is effective 4/3/2020.
15	AUS / CAMPO	1776-01-036	Not approved. TIP FY reflected as 2020 in e-STIP project entry and CAMPO 12/09/2019 TIP revision documentation. However, TIP FY noted as 2019 in 04/03/2020 CAMPO TPC/YOE clarification. Approval is withheld pending clarification of TIP FY.
16	AUS / CAMPO	1776-02-018	Not approved. TIP FY reflected as 2020 in e-STIP project entry and CAMPO 12/09/2019 TIP revision documentation. However, TIP FY noted as 2019 in 04/03/2020 CAMPO TPC/YOE clarification. Approval is withheld pending clarification of TIP FY.
17	AUS / CAMPO	1776-02-019	Not approved. TIP FY reflected as 2020 in e-STIP project entry and CAMPO 12/09/2019 TIP revision documentation. However, TIP FY noted as 2019 in 04/03/2020 CAMPO TPC/YOE clarification. Approval is withheld pending clarification of TIP FY.
18	DAL / NCTCOG	0095-10-033	Approved. Early STIP approval action is effective 4/3/2020.
19	DAL / NCTCOG	0549-03-028	Approved. Early STIP approval action is effective 4/3/2020.
20	DAL / NCTCOG	2588-01-017	Approved. Approved based on NCTCOG KBunkley explanation including updated NRSA table as uploaded on March 26 2020. (YRs 2019 and 2021)
21	DAL / NCTCOG	0549-03-031	Approved. Early STIP approval action is effective 4/3/2020. Please note 23 USC advancement timeframes.
22	DAL / NCTCOG	0549-03-033	Approved. Early STIP approval action is effective 4/3/2020.
23	ELP / ELMPO	0924-06-607	Approved. Please note 23 USC advancement time frames.
24	ELP / ELMPO	2121-02-160	Not Approved. The project is not consistent with 2045 Destino Conformity Determination.
25	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-50-125	Approved. Early STIP approval action is effective 4/3/2020.
26	HOU / H-GAC	0508-01-345	Not approved. Proposed project reflected as exempt with regard to transportation conformity in 2045 RTP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project scope and confirmation of exempt status.
27	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-546	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project scope and determination of funding eligibility.

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28	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-602	Not approved. Project indicates use of CMAQ funding. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project scope and CMAQ funding eligibility determination.
29	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-604	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project scope and determination of funding eligibility.
30	HOU / H-GAC	0912-72-583	Not approved. Project description indicates construction of a bike lane by widening bridge. Also, H-GAC's 2045 RTP project listing reflects a 2030 transportation conformity analysis year for the proposed project. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's scope and transportation conformity status.
31	HOU / H-GAC	MPO Project ID 18026	Not approved. Project indicates use of CMAQ funding. Also, project description appears to reflect replacement of existing equipment. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project scope and CMAQ funding eligibility determination.
32	HOU / H-GAC	MPO Project ID 18163	Not approved. Project indicates use of CMAQ funding. Also, e-STIP project entry reflects project sponsor as METRO, however H-GAC TIP revision indicates project sponsor as H-GAC. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project sponsor, project scope and CMAQ funding eligibility determination.
33	ODA / RURAL	0479-04-050	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 03/16/2020.