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

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Attention: Peter Smith

Dear Mr. Bass:

We reviewed the November 2019 revisions to the FY 2019-2022 STIP, received on January 7, 2020. These were transmitted with your December 6, 2019 letter. Based upon 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 November 2019 STIP Amendment Develop Authority Summary Sheet (copy enclosed) indicates an over programming of DA of approximately \$588 million. 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) 536-5940 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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**2019 November STIP Revisions
Federal Comments**

#	District / MPO	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	AUS / CAMPO	0016-02-152	Not Approved. Date of CAMPO action concerning proposed revision is inconsistent with TxDOT's public involvement period for the proposed November 2019 Quarterly STIP revisions. Also, the supporting documentation does not address CAMPO's compliance with the PM2 and PM3 performance measures requirements (TIP and MTP). Approval is withheld pending clarification of these items.
2	DAL / NCTCOG	0047-06-163	Not Approved. Conversion of the existing HOV lanes to general purpose lanes is not allowable. (Phase C; YR 2022)
3	ELP / EPMPO	0924-06-562	Not Approved. Approval is pending additional clarification of project scope.
4	ELP / EPMPO	0924-06-570	Not Approved. Approval is pending additional clarification of project scope.
5	ELP / EPMPO	1046-03-005	Approved. Approval is based on clarification that this is an operational improvement, not an added capacity project. The change in analysis years and does not impact conformity.
6	ELP / EPMPO	2552-02-035	Not Approved. Approval is pending additional clarification of project scope.
7	ELP / EPMPO	2552-03-066	Not Approved. Approval is pending additional clarification of project scope.
8	HOU / H-GAC	0027-09-104	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 12/19/2019 concerning project scope.
9	HOU / H-GAC	0192-01-099	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 12/19/2019 concerning project scope.
10	HOU / H-GAC	0367-05-050	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 01/09/2020 concerning project scope (ferry boat replacement).
11	HOU / H-GAC	0367-06-064	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 01/09/2020 concerning project scope (no added capacity to ferry boat operations).
12	HOU / H-GAC	0500-01-107	Not Approved. Project description indicates the construction of frontage roads. Approval is withheld pending additional clarification of the number of frontage road lanes being constructed.
13	HOU / H-GAC	0675-08-111	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 01/16/2020 concerning project scope and estimated emission reductions.
14	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-558	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 01/09/2020 concerning estimated emission reductions. Operating costs associated with expanded freeway incident management program are limited to 3-years worth of funding.
15	HOU / H-GAC	0912-31-293 (MPO ID 16182)	Not Approved. STIP revision proposes deletion of project from FY 2019-2022 STIP. However, project does not appear to be part of the approved FY 2019-2022 STIP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the proposed revision.
16	HOU / H-GAC	0912-72-592	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 01/16/2020 concerning project limits.

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17	HOU / H-GAC	0912-72-593	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 12/19/2019 concerning project scope.
18	HOU / H-GAC	3510-06-007	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 01/16/2020 concerning project scope and sponsor.
19	HOU / H-GAC	MPO ID 18017	Not Approved. Supporting documentation does not appear to reflect proposed STIP revision. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the proposed STIP revision's consistency with H-GAC's 2019-2022 TIP and eligibility of the proposed project for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funding.