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Joint Approval of August 2013 Quarterly Revisions to the FY 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Mr. Phil Wilson
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Attention: Marc Williams

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We have reviewed the August 2013 Quarterly revisions to the FY 2013-2016 STIP transmitted with your September 4, 2013 approval. 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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**2013-2016 STIP
August 2013 Quarterly
Revisions**

	MPO /District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	Statewide Financial Summary	-	The FY 2014 Statewide Financial summary indicates \$1,000,000 in "Strategy Budget PE" category funding for H-GAC. This is inconsistent with H-GAC's August 2013 STIP revisions funding summary which indicates \$1,000,000 in "Strategy 102 Budget." funding. Please explain or revise as appropriate.
2	CAMPO/Austin	-	Approved: The FY 2014 SH 71 proposed project revision is approved. Please update the project information to include the Year of Expenditure (YOE) cost and a CSJ or MPO Project ID reference number.
3	Corpus Christi/ Corpus Christi	0617-01-172	Approved: Please clarify CSJ number. The CSJ is listed as 0617-01-174 in the MTP listing.
4	NCTCOG/ Dallas	0918-00-225	Not approved; The Regional ITS Funding Pool placeholder project is not eligible for approval.
5	H-GAC/Houston	0111-08-118	Not approved. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project scope and consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. The project information provided in H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates widening from 2 to 4-lanes. However, the 2035 RTP Update project information also indicates that the project is "N/A" with regard to transportation conformity.
6	H-GAC/Houston	0188-04-046	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. The project is noted as letting in FY 2013. Assuming a 2-year construction cycle the project is expected to be completed in 2015. However, H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2014 transportation conformity analysis year for the project.
7	H-GAC/Houston	0188-04-047	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. The project is noted as letting in FY 2013. Assuming a 2-year construction cycle, the project is expected to be completed in 2015. However, H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2014 transportation conformity analysis year for the project.

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8	H-GAC/Houston	0188-05-032	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. The project is noted as letting in FY 2013. Assuming a 2-year construction cycle, the project is expected to be completed in 2015. However, H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2014 transportation conformity analysis year for the project.
9	H-GAC/Houston	0271-05-034	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. The project is noted as letting in FY 2013. Assuming a 2-year construction cycle, the project is expected to be completed in 2015. However, H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2014 transportation conformity analysis year for the project.
10	H-GAC/Houston	0912-37-140	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. The project is noted as letting in FY 2013. Assuming a 2-year construction cycle the project is expected to be completed in 2015. However, H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2014 transportation conformity analysis year for the project.
11	H-GAC/Houston	0271-04-085	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. The project is noted as letting in FY 2013. Assuming a 2-year construction cycle the project is expected to be completed in 2015. However, H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2014 transportation conformity analysis year for the project.
12	H-GAC/Houston	0271-14-213	Approved. However, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funding is limited to eligible activities.
13	H-GAC/Houston	0389-05-095	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. The project limits, total project cost and project scope appear to be inconsistent with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update.

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14	H-GAC/Houston	0598-02-092	Not approved. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the appropriate YOE and Total Project Costs (i.e., \$1).
15	H-GAC/Houston	0720-03-102	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project funding source. The project funding information appears inconsistent with H-GAC's supporting documentation for the proposed STIP revision (i.e., Amendment #35; Local versus State funding).
16	H-GAC/Houston	0720-03-103	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the funding source. The project funding information appears inconsistent with H-GAC's supporting documentation for the proposed STIP revision (i.e., Amendment #35; Local versus State funding).
17	H-GAC/Houston	0720-03-123	Approved. The project scope of work should be clarified prior to subsequent inclusion in the TIP/STIP. The project information provided in the STIP revision indicates reconstruction of a 6-lane tollway. However, H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates widening from 0 to 6 lanes with a 2025 transportation conformity analysis year.
18	H-GAC/Houston	10052 (MPO Project ID)	Not approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the scope of work (e.g., reconstruction, widening or new construction). Information provided in H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update appears to indicate that the project proposes to reconstruct the existing roadway.
19	Hidalgo/Pharr	General	When changing funds for previously let projects, please disclose the original MTP project information (latest amendment, i.e. November 2012) to ease the review process. It would also helpful to disclose what changes are being made for all projects and for what purposes.
20	Hidalgo/Pharr	2094-01-051	Not Approved: This project has been authorized with Federal funding.
21	NA/ Laredo	0922-11-032	Not Approved: Approval is withheld pending funding source identification and eligibility determination.

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22	NA/ Laredo	0922-10-029	Not Approved: Approval is withheld pending funding source identification and eligibility determination.
23	NA/ Laredo	0922-11-031	Not Approved: Approval is withheld pending funding source identification and eligibility determination.
24	NA/ Laredo	0922-11-033	Not Approved: Approval is withheld pending funding source identification and eligibility determination.