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Joint Approval of January 2014 Out of Cycle Revisions to the FY 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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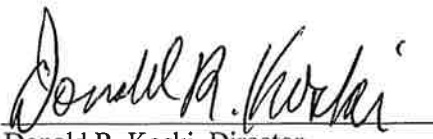
Attention: Marc Williams


Dear General Weber:

We have reviewed the January 2014 out of cycle revisions to the FY 2013-2016 STIP transmitted with your March 3, 2014, 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 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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**2013-2016 STIP
2014 January Out of Cycle Revisions**

	MPO /District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	EPMPO/ El Paso	General	Please provide completed and updated air quality analysis for all CMAQ funded projects identified in January 2014 revision of the 2013-2016 S/TIP.
2	EPMPO/ El Paso	0001-01-058	Approved. Approval of this project is limited to CMAQ eligible items, please reference early action email to TxDOT staff on 6/13/2014.
3	EPMPO/ El Paso	0374-02-096	Not Approved. Please provide additional information and cost breakdown of project.
4	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-376	Approved. The FY 2013 funding for the vanpool program was approved on 5.28.2013. Additional funding for the vanpool program will be not be approved until the eligibility questions regarding budget items and billings are resolved.
5	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-442	Not Approved. Please provide a copy of the completed air quality analysis for this project. Any CMAQ funded operation activities are limited to a maximum of three years funding.
6	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-443	Not Approved. Please provide a copy of the completed air quality analysis for this project. Any CMAQ funded operation activities are limited to a maximum of three years funding.
7	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-444	Not Approved. Please provide a copy of the completed air quality analysis for this project. Any CMAQ funded operation activities are limited to a maximum of three years funding.
8	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-445	Not Approved. Please provide a copy of the completed air quality analysis for this project. Any CMAQ funded operation activities are limited to a maximum of three years funding.
9	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-456	Not Approved. Please provide a copy of the completed air quality analysis for this project. CMAQ funded operation activities are limited to new or expanded service. Please provide additional clarification on routes that are proposed for funding as part of this project.
10	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-458	Not Approved. Please review and revise air quality assumptions and procedures followed to calculate the emissions benefits.

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11	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-459	Not Approved. Please review and revise air quality assumptions and procedures followed to calculate the emissions benefits.
12	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-460	Not Approved. Not approved. Pending further clarification of project eligibility for components (general planning / outreach/ workshops/ membership).
13	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-461	Not approved. Pending further clarification of project eligibility for components (general planning /outreach/workshops/membership).
14	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-462	Approved. The project is eligible for STP funding (CAT-12 CMAQ) in FY2014, however, there are different requirements for using CMAQ (CAT 5) funding.
15	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-464	Not Approved. Please provide a copy of the completed air quality analysis for this project. CMAQ funded operation activities are limited to new or expanded service. Please provide additional clarification on routes that are proposed for funding as part of this project.
16	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-465	Not Approved. Please provide more information on bus purchase in exchange for service.
17	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-467	Not Approved. Please provide a copy of the completed air quality analysis for this project. CMAQ funded operation activities are limited to new or expanded service. Please provide additional clarification on routes that are proposed for funding as part of this project.
18	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-468	Not Approved. Please provide a copy of the completed air quality analysis for this project. CMAQ funded operation activities are limited to new or expanded service. Please provide additional clarification on routes that are proposed for funding as part of this project.
19	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-469	Not approved. Please review and revise air quality analysis assumptions and procedures followed to calculate the emissions benefits. Explain how the benefit applies to all vehicles crossing the POE? Provide additional information on the proposed geometric improvement.

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20	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-471	Not approved. Provide additional information on project scope, and how the project will improve congestion for the region.
21	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-474	Not approved. Please review and revise air quality analysis assumptions and procedures followed to calculate the emissions benefits. Explain how the benefit applies to all vehicles crossing the POE? Provide additional information on the proposed geometric improvement.
22	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-476	Approved. This project is approved without artwork. Please provide a copy of the complete air quality analysis completed for this project.
23	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-485	Not Approved. Please address eligibility questions raised by FHWA. Serious concerns with re-defining a vanpool as “new” when it has been operating for a number of years. Additional issues with billing for items that are not eligible.
24	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-486	Not Approved. Please address eligibility questions raised by FHWA. Serious concerns with re-defining a vanpool as “new” when it has been operating for a number of years. Additional issues with billing for items that are not eligible.
25	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-487	Not Approved. Please address eligibility questions raised by FHWA. Serious concerns with re-defining a vanpool as “new” when it has been operating for a number of years. Additional issues with billing for items that are not eligible.
26	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-491	Not Approved. Please provide the air quality analysis for this project as well as additional clarification on the scope of work.
27	EPMPO/ El Paso	2121-01-088	Not Approved. Please provide additional clarification on the scope of work.
28	EPMPO/ El Paso	2121-02-137	Appendix D: Additional information required. With a two year construction cycle this project would be opened in 2021 not 2020, as captured in the 2040 MTP and 2020 network. Please explain.