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

LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret)
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Attention: Marc Williams

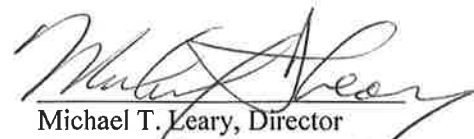
Dear General Weber:

We have reviewed the June 2014 out of cycle revisions to the FY 2013-2016 STIP transmitted with your July 14, 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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2014 June Revisions to the 2013-2016 STIP

	MPO / District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	H-GAC/Houston	8170-12-001	Not Approved. H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2015 transportation conformity analysis year for this project. Assuming a 2014 let date and 2-year construction cycle this project is anticipated to be completed in 2016. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update.
2	H-GAC/Houston	0912-00-495	Not Approved. It is noted that this revision proposes to combine the freight studies identified in CSJs 0912-00-493 and 0912-00-495. However, the project description for 0912-00-495 remains unchanged. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification that the noted project description is appropriate for the combined freight studies.
3	H-GAC/Houston	0912-72-331	Approved. However, the revised STIP page indicates a Year of Expenditure cost greater than the Total Project Cost. Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
4	H-GAC/Houston	General	Information provided in Appendices D and J is noted a being "for informational purposes only." Proposed improvements noted in Appendix D should be consistent with H-GAC's fiscally constrained and conforming 2035 RTP Update.