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August 12, 2013

Refer to: HPP-TX

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

Mr. Phil Wilson  
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Texas Department of Transportation  
125 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Attention: Marc Williams

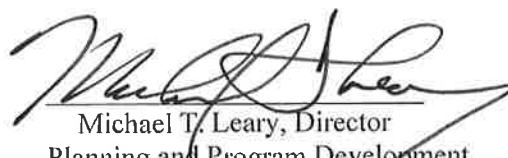
Dear Mr. Wilson:

We have reviewed the June 2013 OOC revisions to the FY 2013-2016 STIP transmitted with your July 9, 2013 approval, received July 11, 2013. 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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Enclosure

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	<b>MPO / District</b>	<b>CSJ Number</b>	<b>STIP comment</b>
1	H-GAC/Houston	General	The H-GAC TIP funding summary indicates a FY 2016 "CAT 3 - Local Contributions" funding amount of \$124,837,026, however the Statewide financial summary indicates a H-GAC FY 2016 "CAT 3 - Local Contributions" funding amount of \$123,837,026. Please explain or revise as appropriate.
2	H-GAC/Houston	0912-72-199 0912-72-276 0912-71-627 0912-00-460 0912-00-462 0912-00-474 0912-00-464 0912-00-476	Not approved. Approval withheld pending clarification of project scope and CMAQ funding eligibility.
3	H-GAC/Houston	0912-73-184 0912-00-494 0912-73-185 0912-73-186	Not approved. Approval withheld pending clarification of project scope and STP-MM funding eligibility.
4	H-GAC/Houston	0912-73-187 0912-73-905 0912-73-187	Not approved. Approval withheld pending receipt of estimated emission reductions and clarification of "Total Project Cost" information.
5	H-GAC/Houston	0912-70-082	Not approved. H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update indicates that the project does not affect transportation conformity, however the project description indicates widening of the roadway to 4-lanes divided. Approval withheld pending clarification of project scope and consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update.
6	H-GAC/Houston	0912-72-320	Not approved. H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update indicates that the project does not affect transportation conformity, however the project description indicates the construction of an additional through lane. Approval withheld pending clarification of project scope and consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update.

Highway

Federal Comments

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7	H-GAC/Houston	1062-05-009	Not approved. Approval withheld pending clarification of project scope and consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update indicates that transportation conformity is not applicable, however the project description indicates widening of the roadway from 2 to 4-lanes.
8	H-GAC/Houston	0500-03-573 0500-03-574 0912-72-316 0912-34-186 0192-01-094 0912-72-312 0912-72-318 0912-72-316 0912-72-314 0912-00-501 0188-07-005 0912-00-502 0912-00-508 0110-05-119 0110-04-188	Not approved. Approval withheld pending receipt of estimated emission reductions.
9	H-GAC/Houston	8170-12-001 3050-02-025	Not approved. Approval withheld pending clarification of the projects' consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2015 transportation conformity analysis year for these projects. However based on a 2014 project letting and an assumed two-year construction cycle, it is expected that these projects would be complete in 2016.
10	H-GAC/Houston	0389-05-095	Approved. However, please clarify "Total Project Cost."

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11	H-GAC/Houston	0912-72-308 0912-72-309 0912-72-317 0912-00-498 0912-00-505 0912-00-488 0912-00-499 0912-00-506 0912-00-496 0912-00-500 0912-00-507 1685-01-100 1685-05-104 0192-02-050	Not approved. Approval withheld pending receipt of estimated emission reductions and clarification of project scope and CMAQ funding eligibility.
12	H-GAC/Houston	0188-07-005	Not approved. Approval withheld pending receipt of estimated emissions reductions and clarification of project limits (SH 35 versus SH 36).
13	H-GAC/Houston	0912-31-291 0912-31-292	Approved. Please clarify project limits.
14	H-GAC/Houston	0500-03-572 0271-17-157	Not approved. Approval withheld pending receipt of estimated emission reductions and clarification of project scope and CMAQ funding eligibility (e.g., replacement/reconstruction of existing direct connectors does not appear eligible for CMAQ funding).
15	H-GAC/Houston	0192-01-093 0912-71-896	Not approved. Approval withheld pending clarification of the projects' consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update. H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2017 transportation conformity analysis year for these projects. However based on a 2016 project letting and (assumed) two-year construction cycle, it is expected that these projects would be complete in 2018.
16	Lufkin	0177-02-089	Approved. Please clarify project limits