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Joint Approval of El Paso May 2014 Quarterly Revisions to the FY 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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Texas Department of Transportation
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Attention: Marc Williams

Dear General Weber:

We have reviewed the El Paso May 2014 quarterly revisions to the FY 2013-2016 STIP for transmitted with your June 9, 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 May Revisions to the El Paso 2013-2016 STIP

	MPO /District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	General	None	MPOs and Districts are reminded that the total project cost noted in the revised STIP pages must reflect the cost of the entire project, rather than just the phase of work (e.g., preliminary engineering, right-of-way or construction) included in the TIP/STIP.
2	EPMPO/ El Paso	General	Although programmed funding remains within the limits of the TxDOT UTP, authorized amounts in the funding summary by category exceed the TxDOT UTP thresholds, please explain.
3	EPMPO/ El Paso	0002-01-093	Approved. Note: Although eligible, landscaping should remain a minimal aspect of the total project improvement.
4	EPMPO/ El Paso	0374-02-096	Approved. Note: Although eligible, landscaping should remain a minimal aspect of the total project improvement.
5	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-190	Approved. Please update: total project cost needs to be reflected in the STIP.
6	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-418	Approved. Please update: total project cost needs to be reflected in the STIP.
7	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-467	Not Approved. This project was not approved as part of the 2014 January OOC. Require additional clarification on how emissions analysis addresses proposed project.
8	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-474	Not approved. CMAQ Eligibility and emissions analysis is currently under review. Require additional clarification of the emissions analysis for the project. It is FHWA's understanding that a Ready Lane currently operates at the POE intermittently. Analysis should demonstrate an increased benefit from implementing a dedicated ready lane.
9	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-501	Approved. Response required: How will project phasing provide full construction by 2020.
10	EPMPO/ El Paso	0924-06-502	Approved. Response required: How will project phasing provide full construction by 2020. Also please update, the total project cost should be reflected in the STIP.
11	EPMPO/ El Paso	2121-01-088	Approved. CMAQ funding is limited to eligible items.

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12	EPMPO/ El Paso	2121-02-150	Not Approved. Project is not consistent with the conforming 2040 Horizon MTP (2121-02-137) i.e. frontage roads. During the 2040 Conformity review FHWA understood from TxDOT that the I-10 collector distributor lanes (2121-02-137) would not be operating as frontage roads with local access.
13	EPMPO/ El Paso	2121-03-131	Approved. FHWA concurred and determined that this project could be considered an operational improvement.