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Joint Approval of April 2010 Out-of-Cycle Revisions for the
FY 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the April 2010 Out-of-Cycle Revisions to the FY 2008-2011 STIP transmitted by Mr. Amadeo Saenz's cover letter of May 25, 2010. Based upon our review, the April 2010 Out-of-Cycle Revisions to the STIP are hereby approved subject to the enclosed comments.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Mr. Kirk Fauver of the FHWA Texas Division at (512) 536-5952 or Ms. Lynn Hayes of FTA Region 6 office at (817) 978-0565 for additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure



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ENCLOSURE APRIL 2010 OUT-OF-CYCLE STIP REVISION COMMENTS

Houston MPO/District:

1. Amendment 190, CSJ 0188-03-019: The project limits provided for the proposed revision to the short range portion of the 2035 RTP are unclear. As such approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project limits.
2. Amendment 204, CSJ 3538-01-038: This revision proposes the construction of a director connector at the SH 242 and IH 45 interchange. It is noted that the 2035 RTP includes a project for the construction of other tolled direct connectors at this location, but does not appear to include the movement noted in this revision (NB IH45 to EB SH 242). Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's scope and consistency with H-GAC's travel demand modeling (i.e., tolled vs. non-tolled direct connector).
3. Amendment 217, CSJ 8004-12-007: It is our understanding that this project will be implemented with other non-federal funding. As such approval of this revision is withheld.
4. Amendment 217, CSJ 8004-12-006: The proposed revision indicates the programming of \$1.00 of Category 7/STIP-MM funding for this project. This is unexpected. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the \$1.00 programming issue.
5. Amendment 218, CSJ 1062-04-047: Approval of this revision is withheld due to ongoing concerns regarding fiscal constraint of the FY 2008-2011 STIP.
6. Amendment 220, CSJ 0912-00-395: Approval of this revision is withheld due to ongoing concerns regarding fiscal constraint of the FY 2008-2011 STIP.
7. Amendment 222, CSJ 0271-14-217: This revision is approved, however CMAQ funding noted for this project is limited to CMAQ eligible activities (i.e., operational improvements).
8. Amendment 222, CSJ 0271-14-222: Approval of this revision is withheld due to ongoing concerns regarding fiscal constraint of the FY 2008-2011 STIP.
9. Amendment 223, CSJ 0089-09-068: Approval of this revision is withheld due to ongoing concerns regarding fiscal constraint of the FY 2008-2011 STIP.

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10. Amendment 228, CSJ 1006-01-059: Approval of this revision is withheld due to ongoing concerns regarding fiscal constraint of the FY 2008-2011 STIP.