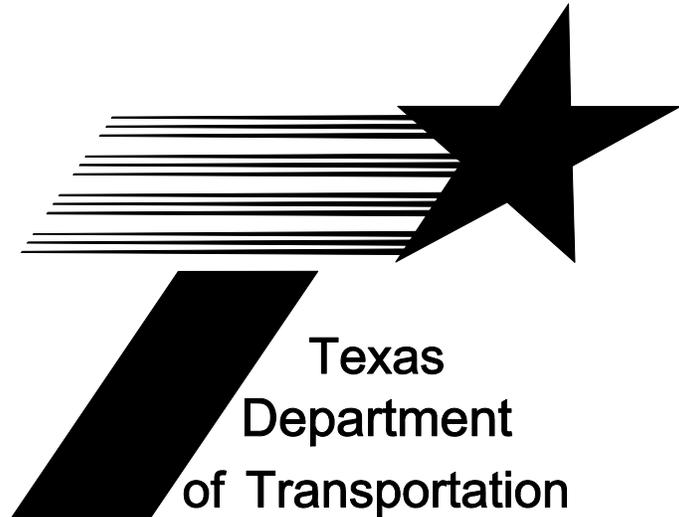


**STATEWIDE
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM
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**AMARILLO DISTRICT
AUGUST FY 2009
Quarterly Revisions**

8-01-2009

MINUTES

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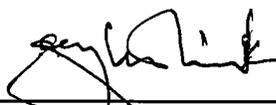
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Item 9. Adjournment.

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Gary Holwick
Director, Amarillo MPO

August 2009 Revision
2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program
July 16, 2009

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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
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MPO ID Number	TxDOT CSJ Number	Location/Description	Revision
<i>ARRA Projects</i>			
FY 2010			
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AMARILLO DISTRICT
MPO PROJECTS
AUGUST 2009 REVISIONS
FY 2008 – 2011 TIP

AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

FY 2010

TXDOT DISTRICT:	AMARILLO	CITY:	AMARILLO	EST LETTING DATE	02/2010
COUNTY:	POTTER	LIMITS FROM:	ON GRAND ST AND SE 3RD AVE	PHASE:	C, E
HIGHWAY NUM:	VA	LIMITS TO:	AT BNSF RR	YOE COST:	\$ 12,515,360
CSJ:	0904-02-903	MPO PROJECT NUM:	A5A11L-000		
REVISION DATE:	082009	PROJECT SPONSOR:			

DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCT RR
OVERPASS

REMARKS P1: MPO ARRA PROJECT APPROVED 07/16/2009 BY AMARILLO MPO

REMARKS P7:

CONTRACT CSJ:

ANCESTOR CSJ(S): 090402902

DESCENDENT CSJ(S):

ROW/CONSTR CSJ(S):

TOTAL FUNDING	
2-METRO CORRIDOR:	\$ 7,536,875
11-DIST DISCRETION:	\$.
LC-LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 3,463,126
OTHER:	\$ 0
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TOTAL:	\$ 12,515,360

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING:	\$ 560,560
ROW PURCHASE:	\$ 0
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING:	\$ 514,800
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CONTINGENCIES:	\$ 743,600
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BOND FINANCING:	\$ 0
OTHER FIELD:	\$ 0
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$ 13,895,024

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**Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program
Highway Financial Summary - Year of Expenditure Construction Costs**

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12	Strategic Priority	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0	\$0
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	\$0		\$2,440,000		\$10,413,853		\$0		\$12,853,853	\$0
LC	Local Contributions	\$0		\$0		\$4,163,125		\$150,000		\$4,313,125	
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Funding Participation Source

Source	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	Total
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State	\$0	\$100,000	\$3,600,000	\$850,000	\$4,550,000
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Revision
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Amarillo Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2005-2030 (MTP)
July 16, 2009 Revision

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							Illustrative	
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NOTES: Moved from Illustrative List to Active MTP. Shown on Illustrative List with 2016-2030 YOE Total Project Costs of \$14,862,000.								
A5A40S	CBD Dispersal Streets	IH 40/IH 27 Interchange	NE 15 th Ave	Feasibility Study to Locate CBD Bypass Route	Short	2012-2015	\$2,871	
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VA – Various Locations

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