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Joint Approval of February 2009  
Quarterly Revisions to the FY 08-11 Statewide  
Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Mr. James Randall, P. E.  
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Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the February 2009 Quarterly Revisions to the FY 2008-2011 STIP transmitted by Mr. Amadeo Saenz's cover letter of March 31, 2009 received by our office on April 3rd. Based upon our review, the February 2009 Quarterly Revisions to the STIP are hereby approved subject to the general and project specific comments as noted within the attachment.

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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## ATTACHMENT #1-

### February 2009 STIP Revision Comments

#### Dallas and Fort Worth Districts/MPO:

1. Unresolved previous exceptions, as transmitted on April 9, remain.
2. The following projects are not approved as there are Metropolitan Transportation Plan, 2007 Transportation Conformity and/or design concept and scope consistency issues:
  - 0091-03-021 (multi years and Appendix)-SH 289
  - 2374-04-040- IH 20
  - 0918-45-793- MacArthur Blvd
3. Approval of this project is withheld pending an eligibility determination: 0918-45-862 -- Trinity Parkway (Traffic and Revenue and 408).
4. Approval of this project is subject to correction of the MTP reference: 2964-10-002 (multi years) -- Loop 9
5. Approval of this project is withheld pending clarification of the scope of work: 0918-00-152 (multi years) -- Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Sustainable Development Initiatives.
6. Approvals of the following projects are withheld pending expanded project descriptions:
  - 0091-04-951 -- SH 289
  - 0353-02-029 -- SH 114
  - 1068-04-119 -- IH 30
  - 2374-03-057 -- IH 20
  - 2964-10-002 -- Loop 9
  - 0162-04-034 -- SH 31
  - 0173-04-025 -- SH 34
  - 0173-04-043 -- SH 34

#### Houston MPO:

1. Amendments 67 and 87: These amendments are included in the MPO documentation but were not included in the STIP revisions submitted by TxDOT's Houston District via their letter of February 2, 2009. As such the revisions included in these amendments are not approved.
2. Amendments 91 and 95: These amendments are included in the STIP revisions submitted by TxDOT's Houston District via their letter of February 2, 2009, but are not reflected in the accompanying MPO documentation. As such the revisions included in these amendments are not approved.

- 3 Amendment 99: The scope of work for the revisions included in this amendment is noted as “construction of streets and drainage.” However, it does not appear that these improvements were included in the transportation modeling used to conduct the transportation conformity determination for the 2035 Houston-Galveston Regional Transportation Plan. Approval of these revisions is withheld pending clarification that the street construction is consistent with the currently conforming 2035 RTP.

**Laredo MPO:**

- 1 CSJ 0086-14-046: The description of work for this project includes widening to 6-lanes and construction a 4-lane overpass. It appears that the 4-lane overpass is inconsistent with the widening to 6-lanes. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the scope of work.

**Laredo Rural:**

1. CSJ 0299-12-007: The scope of work provided for this project is unclear (i.e., number of lanes). Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the scope of work.
2. CSJ 0922-11-031: The scope of work provided for this project is unclear (i.e., number of lanes). Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the scope of work.
3. CSJ 0922-11-032: The scope of work provided for this project is unclear (i.e., number of lanes). Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the scope of work.
4. CSJ 1484-01-910: This project is included in the grouped project listing with a scope of work indicating “widening of a non-freeway.” It is noted that added capacity projects are not eligible for project grouping. Approval of this project as a grouped project is withheld pending clarification of the scope of work (i.e., will the project add capacity).

**Pharr District:**

**Rural Project**

1. Athens Loop, CSJ 0921-26-010, project description (“Upgrade & Widening of a City St”) is too vague and misleading. Was advised by District that this is a new location 4-lane roadway. Approval withheld pending TIP amendment to accurately describe scope of work.

**Hidalgo County MPO**

- 1 BSIF Pharr/Reynosa TIP project cost for construction is \$25,084,423 and TPC is \$34.6 million. MTP cost is \$14.6 million. Approval withheld pending MTP amendment for cost consistency and modification of financial tables.

**Waco District/MPO:**

1. Given the 'Description' was mistakenly truncated (per Ed Kabobel on April 10, 2009) approval of the following CSJs are subject to update:

2786-01-010 - FM 2657; YR 2009 (PE and ROW) and YR 2010 (Construction)  
Description - widen roadway to 4-lanes with CLI .

3131-03-005 - FM 2657; YR 2009 (PE, ROW) and YR 2010 (Construction)  
Description - widen roadway to 4-lanes with CLI .

2. Given the 'MPO Project ID' was mistakenly left off (per Ed Kabobel on April 10, 2009) approval of the following csj is subject to update:

3534-02-002 - SH 201; YR 2009 (PE and Construction)  
MPO Project ID - W30-31