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Joint Approval of February 2010 Quarterly Revisions for the
FY 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the February 2010 Quarterly Revisions to the FY 2008-2011 STIP transmitted by Mr. Amadeo Saenz's cover letter of March 23, 2010. Based upon our review, the February 2010 Quarterly 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
FEBRUARY 2010 QUARTERLY STIP REVISIONS
COMMENTS

Amarillo MPO:

1. The proposed STIP revisions are noted as being contingent upon the availability of additional Economic Stimulus funding. At this time Congress has not passed legislation making available additional Economic Stimulus funds nor does the passage of such legislation appear imminent. As such we cannot approve these revisions. We will reconsider approval of these revisions upon the passage of legislation concerning the availability of additional Economic Stimulus funding.

Dallas-Fort Worth MPO:

1. CSJ 0095-04-064: This proposed revision does not appear to be consistent with the currently conforming Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Mobility 2030 – 2009 Amendment). As such this revision is not approved.
2. Revisions for the following CSJs are approved based upon clarification provided by NCTCOG and TxDOT Dallas District staff. However, it is expected that the clarifications provided (i.e., number of existing, project descriptions and MTP references) be reflected in future TIP/STIP submittals as appropriate.

CSJ 0195-03-050
CSJ 0197-02-921
CSJ 0353-02-060
CSJ 0353-04-088
CSJ 0918-47-941
CSJ 0081-03-931

Houston MPO/District:

1. Amendment 198, CSJ 0500-03-550: The description of work noted for this project appears inconsistent with that reflected in H-GAC's 2035 RTP (i.e., widen from 6 to 8-lanes vs. widen shoulders). Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed scope of work and consistency with the 2035 RTP.

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2. Amendment 198, CSJs 0500-03-462, 0500-03-565, 0500-03-901 and 0500-03-900: The description of work noted for these projects appears inconsistent with that reflected in H-GAC's 2035 RTP (1 HOV reversible lane vs. two HOV lanes). Additionally there is no cost estimate provided for CSJs 0500-03-901 and 0500-03-900. Approval of these revisions is withheld pending clarification of the proposed scope of work, consistency with the 2035 RTP and anticipated project cost for CSJs 0500-03-901 and 0500-03-900.
3. Amendment 199, CSJ 0271-14-217: The description of work noted for this project indicates "reconstruct US 290/IH 610 Interchange." It is noted that roadway reconstruction is not eligible for CMAQ funding. Accordingly, this revision is approved contingent upon the noted CMAQ funding only being used on eligible portions of work (i.e., operational improvements).
4. Amendment 199, CSJs 0271-14-209 and 0271-14-210: These revisions propose to add these projects to the FY 2008-2011 STIP. It is noted that the addition of new federal-aid funded projects to the STIP, is currently restricted due to fiscal constraint concerns. Accordingly, approval of these revisions is withheld. However, it is noted that based upon the description of work and funding source reflected for the proposed revisions, the projects appear eligible for advancement as grouped projects.
5. Amendment 199, CSJ 0271-14-222: The description of work noted for this project indicates "reconstruct roadway." It is noted that roadway reconstruction is not eligible for CMAQ funding. Accordingly, this revision is not approved.
6. Amendment 199, CSJ 0271-14-213: This revision is approved contingent upon clarification of the project's estimated cost.