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Joint Approval of 2012 August Quarterly FY 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Revisions

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Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the August 2012 quarterly revisions to the FY 2011-2014 STIP transmitted with Mr. Phil Wilson's approval transmitted on September 18, 2012, 2012. 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 either 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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For

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Enclosure

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2012 August STIP Revision - Federal Comments

	MPO /District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	Brownsville MPO/Pharr	0039-09-058 (FY13) 0039-16-063 (FY13) 0039-09-058 (FY14) 0039-16-063 (FY14)	<i>Note: These are a new projects that were added to the TIP. The MPO should include supporting documentation related to TIP and MTP updates when requesting the approval of STIP Revisions.</i> Not Approved: MTP should be updated to include this project in the funded portion of the MTP; currently listed as an illustrative project (not yet funded).
2	Victoria MPO/Yoakum	0271-02-058 0271-03-054	Not Approved: MTP should be updated to include added capacity on the frontage roads. Added capacity for frontage roads not identified in the MTP.
3	Houston- Galveston MPO/Houston	MPO Project ID 11182	Not Approved: This project is proposed for construction in FY 2013. Assuming a 2-year construction cycle, the anticipated completion date is 2015. However, the amended 2035 RTP indicates a completion date of 2014 (transportation conformity determination analysis year). Please clarify the project's estimated completion date and consistency with the conforming 2035 RTP Update.
4	Houston- Galveston MPO/Houston	MPO Project ID 5040	Approved: This revision is approved, however please clarify the discrepancy in the Year-of-Expenditure cost noted on the revised STIP page versus the project cost noted in the Amendment 57 supporting documentation provided (i.e., \$22,044,000 versus \$21,925,000).