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

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Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the February 2012 quarterly revisions to the FY 2011-2014 STIP transmitted with Mr. Phil Wilson's March 14, 2012 approval. 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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## 2012 February STIP Revision - Federal Comments

MPO / District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1 Amarillo	2635-02-0022	Approved contingent upon clarification of project description in MTP and TIP.
2 Brownwood	0923-06-061	Not Approved - Please provide additional information on the project name, limits and a more in-depth description (including number of lanes).
3 CAMPO/Austin	General	Information requested - Control Section Job numbers (CSJ) have not been assigned for several of the proposed project revisions. Please provide clarification concerning the assigned CSJs when this information is available.
4 CAMPO/Austin	6666-66-666, 8888-88-888, 7777-77-777 and 4444-44-444	Approval limited - These projects propose the use of STP funding for transit improvements. It is noted that in accordance with 23 USC 133(b)(2), transit related STP funding eligibility is limited to capital costs. As such approval of these revisions is limited to the capital costs noted in the project descriptions.
5 CAMPO/Austin	5555-55-555	Not approved - This revision proposes the use of STP funding to support bus service on IH-35 (i.e., operating). As previously noted, 23 USC 133(b)(2) limits transit related STP funding eligibility to capital costs. Accordingly, approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of STP funding eligibility.
6 Corpus Christi	0102-02-095	Not approved - Project not found in the MTP
7 Corpus Christi	0102-02-096	Not approved - Project not found in the MTP
8 Corpus Christi	2263-02-090	Not approved - Funding does not match the MTP
9 Corpus Christi	2263-02-091	Not approved - Project not found in the MTP
10 Corpus Christi	2263-03-029	Not approved - Project not found in the MTP
11 El Paso	0167-02-050	Not Approved - Approval of this project is withheld pending clarification of the effect of the change in project limits on the transportation conformity determination.
12 El Paso	0924-06-376	Not Approved - Approval of this project is withheld pending clarification on project scope of work and Federal eligibility

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13 H-GAC/Houston	0976-01-019	Not approved - This revision modifies the project's funding to indicate \$6 million in local contribution rather than \$6 million in State funding. The proposed funding modification is acceptable, however the project appears to be inconsistent with the H-GAC's currently conforming 2035 RTP Update (i.e., 2035 analysis year versus a 2018 analysis year). As such approval of this revision is withheld pending resolution of the noted transportation conformity inconsistency.
14 Hildago/Pharr	0621-01-099	Approved with comments; Please Note: Although a change in phase may be considered an administrative amendment by the MPO, it is considered a S/TIP amendment by FHWA.
15 Hildago/Pharr	2094-01-051	Approved with comments; Please Note: Although a change in phase may be considered an administrative amendment by the MPO, it is considered a S/TIP amendment by FHWA.