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

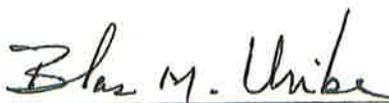
Mr. James Randall, P. E.
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Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the May 2012 quarterly revisions to the FY 2011-2014 STIP transmitted with Mr. Phil Wilson's letter of June 12, 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,

for 
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Regional Administrator, Region VI
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for 
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Enclosure

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2012 May STIP Revision - Federal Comments

	MPO / District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	Abilene MPO/ Abilene	0908-12-019	Not approved. Please clarify what VA road is and change RM to RR (Ranch Road).
2	BCS MPO/Bryan	0017-02-028	Not approved. Additional information is required to indicate changes and complete review of STIP and MTP verification.
3	BCS MPO/Bryan	0117-09-011	Not approved. Additional information is required to indicate changes and complete review of STIP and MTP verification.
4	El Paso MPO/ El Paso	2121-03-151	Not approved. Changes to the MTP require prior conformity determination.
5	Harlingen-San Benito MPO/ Pharr	Administrative Amendments	Suggest updating the MTP to reference the updated CSJ # for tracking purposes.
6	H-GAC/Houston	0912-73-139	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
7	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID# 14695	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
8	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID# 4097	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
9	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 9143	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
10	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 9150	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
11	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 11056	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.

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12	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 11705	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
13	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 11813	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
14	H-GAC/Houston	0912-72-947	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
15	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 12589	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
16	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 15563	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
17	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 12239	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
18	H-GAC/Houston	1006-01-059	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
19	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 15474	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
20	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 15476	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
21	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 474	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.

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22	H-GAC/Houston	0110-04-182	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
23	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID #13743	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
24	H-GAC/Houston	0912-71-753	Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
25	H-GAC/Houston	0976-01-037	This revision proposes to delete a project for installation of sound barrier. Is the proposed sound barrier a commitment identified in an environmental document? If so, will installation of the sound barrier be completed in the future? Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of these items.
26	H-GAC/Houston	0271-14-228	The information provided for this revision appears to indicate that this project includes the construction of a new continuous frontage road along IH-610. Approval of this revision is withheld pending confirmation of the project's consistency with the 2035 RTP Update and corresponding conformity determination, with regard to the added capacity associated with the new continuous frontage road.
27	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 11472	Approval of this transit related revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
28	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 11766	Approval of this transit related revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
29	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 14428	Approval of this transit related revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update. This revision also requires clarification regarding inclusion of the project in fiscal year 2011 of H-GAC's FY 2011-2014 TIP. The information provided with the proposed revision indicates that implementation of this project is being delayed until 2020.

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30	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 14958	Approval of this transit related revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update.
31	H-GAC/Houston	0912-71-799	Please provide a revised STIP page reflecting this revision.
32	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 15560	This revision is noted as an administrative amendment. However, it appears that this project and an associated project (MPO Project ID 11658) are anticipated to be advanced in different fiscal years and are reflected in different transportation conformity analysis years. Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update and receipt of a revised STIP page reflecting this revision.
33	H-GAC/Houston	0912-71-688	Please provide a revised STIP page reflecting this revision.
34	H-GAC/Houston	MPO ID # 11658	This revision is noted as an administrative amendment. However, it appears that this project and an associated project (MPO Project ID 15560) are anticipated to be advanced in different fiscal years and are reflected in different transportation conformity analysis years. Approval of this revision is withheld pending completion of the 2012 Conformity Determination associated with amendments to the 2035 RTP Update and receipt of a revised STIP page reflecting this revision.