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Joint Approval November 2011 Quarterly FY 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Revisions

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Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the November 2011 quarterly revisions to the FY 2011-2014 STIP transmitted with Mr. Phil Wilson's December 12, 2011 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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## 2011 November STIP Revision - Federal Comments

	<b>MPO / District</b>	<b>CSJ Number</b>	<b>STIP comment</b>
1	CAMPO / Austin District	CAMPO General Comment	Except as noted in specific comments approval of the proposed STIIP revisions is contingent upon clarification of the identified funding inconsistencies. Many of the proposed revisions indicate a Year of Expenditure (YOE) cost that is inconsistent with the Authorized Funding by Category/Share total noted on the revised STIP page.
2	CAMPO / Austin District	1378-02-036	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification regarding the project's implementation time-frame. The proposed project revision is noted as a FY 2011 activity, however the remarks indicate that construction will begin in 2014.
3	CAMPO / Austin District	0204-02-027	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the noted funding discrepancy, project status and intent of proposed revision. It is noted that the total project cost indicated for this project is substantially greater than that reflected in CAMPO's 2035 RTP (i.e., \$35.7 million versus \$6 million). Additionally, CAMPO's March 11, 2011 response to FHWA/FTA's comments on the FY 2011-2014 STIP indicates that this project was "let" in August 2010.
4	CAMPO / Austin District	0204-03-038	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the noted funding discrepancy, project status and intent of proposed revision. It is noted that the total project cost indicated for this project is substantially greater than that reflected in CAMPO's 2035 RTP (i.e., \$16.3 million versus \$6 million). Additionally, CAMPO's March 11, 2011 response to FHWA/FTA's comments on the FY 2011-2014 STIP indicates that this project was "let" in August 2010.
5	CAMPO / Austin District	0265-04-057	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's status and intent of proposed revision. It is our understanding that this project was previously "let" in accordance with CAMPO's Administrative TIP Amendment dated October 7, 2011.
6	CAMPO / Austin District	0265-04-058	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's status and intent of proposed revision. It is our understanding that this project was previously "let" in accordance with CAMPO's Administrative TIP Amendment dated October 7, 2011.

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7	El Paso MPO/ El Paso District	0924-06-374	Approval of this project s withheld pending clarification on project scope of work and resolution of CMAQ eligibility.
8	H-GAC / Houston District	0177-03-929	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (i.e., ultimate 4-lane freeway does not appear to be included in H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update).
9	H-GAC / Houston District	3256-01-095	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the identified funding discrepancy. It is noted that the total project cost reflected in the proposed revision is substantially greater than that noted in H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (\$51.4 million versus \$17.6 million).
10	H-GAC / Houston District	3256-02-040	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update.
11	H-GAC / Houston District	1006-01-065	It is noted that the total project cost reflected in the proposed revision is substantially greater than that noted in H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (\$1.8 million versus \$.8 million). Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the noted funding discrepancy.
12	H-GAC / Houston District	1006-01-067	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the total project cost discrepancy noted for associated project "CSJ 1006-01-065".
13	H-GAC / Houston District	0271-07-303	Approval of this revision is withheld based upon a previous determination (September 2011 FHWA/TxDOT Houston District discussion) that non-federal funding would be sought for this project.
14	H-GAC / Houston District	0598-01-094	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update.
15	H-GAC / Houston District	0050-06-083	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's scope of work (e.g., number of lanes and project limits) and consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update.
16	H-GAC / Houston District	0050-09-071	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the identified funding discrepancy. It is noted that the total project cost reflected in the proposed revision is substantially greater than that noted in H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (\$217 million versus \$69 million).

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17	H-GAC / Houston District	0050-09-080	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the identified funding discrepancy. It is noted that the total project cost reflected in the proposed revision is substantially greater than that noted in the 2035 RTP Update (\$90 million versus \$53.5 million).
18	H-GAC / Houston District	0912-70-073	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's scope of work.
19	H-GAC / Houston District	0912-71-908 <b>-001</b>	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification that proposed project is not associated with added capacity improvements and is consistent with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update.
20	H-GAC / Houston District	3050-02-022	This revision is approved, however it is noted that the total project cost indicated for the improvement should reflect all project phases.
21	H-GAC / Houston District	0338-03-087	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the identified funding discrepancy. It is noted that the total project cost reflected in the proposed revision is substantially greater than that noted in H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (\$1.5 million versus \$1 million).
22	H-GAC / Houston District	0912-34-901 <b>-178</b>	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the following issues: the supporting information for this revision (Amendment 35) indicates that the remaining portion of the project previously included in H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (Staffordshire Road from Lexington Boulevard to FM 2234) was deleted at the Sponsor's request. Such a change to an added capacity project requires a corresponding conformity determination.
23	H-GAC / Houston District	2105-01-046	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (i.e., project limits and analysis year – 2035 versus 2018).
24	H-GAC / Houston District	2105-01-902 <b>-047</b>	Approval of this revision is withheld pending receipt of additional information concerning the proposed project's scope of work and a determination of eligibility for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funding.
25	H-GAC / Houston District	0187-05-050	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update.

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26	H-GAC / Houston District	3312-02-014	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update.
27	H-GAC / Houston District	0976-01-019	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (i.e., 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2035 analysis year).
28	H-GAC / Houston District	0912-37-140	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (i.e., analysis year and scope of work).
29	H-GAC / Houston District	0523-09-020 and 0523-10-034	Approval of these revisions is withheld pending clarification that the proposed projects are not associated with other adding capacity projects and are consistent with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update.
30	H-GAC / Houston District	3050-02-025	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update.
31	H-GAC / Houston District	3158-01-031	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's scope of work. It is noted that MPO Project ID 7551 proposes the widening of FM 3083 within the limits of the proposed grade separation project. Will the proposed project include widening of the roadway (2-lanes to 4-lanes) at this location? If so, this should be reflected in the project description and should also be consistent with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update.
32	H-GAC / Houston District	3158-01-035	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (i.e., project limits and analysis year – 2035 RTP Update reflects a 2035 analysis year).
33	H-GAC / Houston District	0912-31-905 <b>-272</b>	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (i.e., 2035 RTP Update reflects a 2025 analysis year).
34	H-GAC / Houston District	0912-31-906 <b>-273</b>	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's 2035 RTP Update (i.e., 2035 RTP Update reflects a 2025 analysis year).

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35	H-GAC / Houston District	0912-71-044	Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's location.
36	H-GAC / Houston District	8170-12-004	This project is not approved. The subject project (from Amendment 33) as proposed by H-GAC does not appear to be reflected in the revised STIP pages. However, it appears that the project may be eligible for "grouping." Please explain.
37	H-GAC / Houston District	0912-71-903 <b>70-065</b>	The subject project is not approved. The project (from Amendment 35) as proposed by H-GAC does not appear to be reflected in the revised STIP pages. Additionally, the project is noted as a "grouped project," however, the description of work appears to indicate construction of a 6-lane boulevard, which would not be eligible as a grouped project. Please explain.
38	Brownsville MPO / Pharr District	General Brownsville Comment	Several projects have the same MTP/MPO Project ID# please provide clarification.
39	Brownsville MPO / Pharr District	3622-01-003	Approval of this revision is withheld pending resolution of project consistency between the TIP and the MTP. Please verify the project limits, description, and funding. (Construct 2 direct connectors and 4 tolled main lanes).
40	Brownsville MPO / Pharr District	1138-02-015	Approval of this revision is withheld pending resolution of project consistency between the TIP and the MTP. Please verify the project limits, description, and funding.
41	Brownsville MPO / Pharr District	3626-01-001	This project is not approved. The project phases BMPO-LP4 & BMPO-LP5 were not found in the MTP. Please verify the project limits, description, and funding.
42	Brownsville MPO / Pharr District	1426-01-037	This project is not approved. The project phase (BMPO-LP4) was not found in the MTP. Please verify the project limits, description, and funding.
43	Brownsville MPO / Pharr District	3626-03-001	This project is not approved. The project phase (BMPO-LP5) was not found in the MTP. Please verify the project limits, description, and funding.

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44	Brownsville MPO / Pharr District	3626-02-001	This project is not approved. The project was not found in the MTP. Please verify the project limits, description, and funding.
45	Brownsville MPO / Pharr District	1426-01-043	This project is not approved. The project phase (BMPO-LP4) was not found in the MTP. Please verify the project limits, description, and funding.
46	Brownsville MPO / Pharr District	3626-03-001	This project is not approved. The project phase (BMPO-LP5) was not found in the MTP. Please verify the project limits, description, and funding.