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Joint Approval of July 2009 Out-of-Cycle (OOC) Revisions to the  
FY 08-11 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

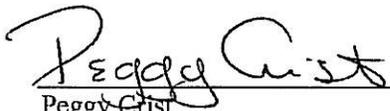
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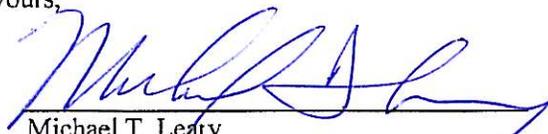
Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the July 2009 Out-of-Cycle (OOC) Revisions to the FY 2008-2011 STIP transmitted by Mr. Amadeo Saenz's cover letter of August 21, 2009; received electronically by our office on August 25, 2009. Based upon our review, the July 2009 OOC Revisions to the STIP are hereby approved, subject to the enclosed comments.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact 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



## ENCLOSURE

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS CONCERNING THE JULY 2009 OUT-OF-CYCLE STIP REVISIONS

#### General:

1. STIP Financial Tables: The FY 2009 STIP financial summary does not appear consistent with the Austin MPO financial summary (i.e., FY 2009 “Programmed” funding total). However, this discrepancy does not adversely affect the demonstration of fiscal constraint. Please clarify or revise the STIP financial summary as appropriate.

#### Austin MPO/District:

1. CSJ 0016-02-120: This revision adds a project for the construction of a grade separation at Cement Plant Road and IH-35. However, it appears that the proposed grade separation will also provide a connection (access) for two roadways (Cement Plant Road and Hillside Terrace) that currently does not exist. Such an action is typically considered “added capacity” and required to be consistent with the area’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The proposed connection of these roadways does not appear to be included in the Austin MPO’s 2030 MTP. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification/resolution of this issue.