



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
819 TAYLOR STREET, ROOM 8A36 300 E. 8TH STREET, ROOM 826
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-9003 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

July 28, 2009

Refer to: HPP-TX

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

Mr. James Randall, P. E.
Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the June 2009 Out-of-Cycle (OOC) Revisions to the FY 2008-2011 STIP transmitted by Mr. Amadeo Saenz's cover letter of July 23, 2009 received electronically by our office on July 27, 2009. Based upon our review, the June 2009 OOC Revisions to the STIP are hereby approved subject to the general and specific comments as noted within the enclosure.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact either 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,

Peggy Crist, Director
Planning and Program Development
Federal Transit Administration

Michael T. Leary, Director
Planning and Program Development
Federal Highway Administration

Enclosure



cc:

FHWA-HA-TX, HB-TX, HAM-TX
Peggy Crist, FTA, Region VI
Wayne Wells, TxDOT DES
Angela Gill, TxDOT DES
Lori Morel, TxDOT TPP(S)
Kelly Kirkland, TxDOT PTN

ENCLOSURE #1-

GENERAL AND SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE JUNE 2009 OUT-OF-CYCLE REVISIONS

General:

The FY 2008-11 STIP financial summary table (dated June 4, 2009) for the June 2009 OOC revisions shows \$3,538,960,113 in terms of total cost of projects that have been let to date in FY 08. However, based upon our review of previous financial summary tables this estimate has not changed over time (letting estimate is identical to Jan/Feb/March/April OOC revisions).

Since these letting estimates for FY 2008 include those projects that have already been let in previous fiscal year, should this number be updated based on the letting estimates associated with FY 08 and subsequent FY 09 time period?

The balance of \$9 B shown in the bottom right hand corner of the FY 2008-11 STIP financial summary table appears large compared to the total expenditures associated with projects funded within this timeframe. Could TPP please check in order to see if this estimated unspent figure is correct, should this total be reduced based upon previous letting estimates?

Childress District:

1. The District funding summary provided with the June 2009 Out-of-Cycle STIP revision does not appear to accurately reflect the proposed funding for CSJ 0925-17-006. It is noted that the project funding information reflects a Year of Expenditure cost of \$135,700 (\$122,130 in ARRA funds and \$13,569 in "Other R" funds).

However the STIP funding summary does not appear to reflect the \$13,569 in "Other R" funds. Please clarify and revise the District Funding Summary and the FY 2009 Highway STIP Financial Summary (i.e., Statewide Summary) as appropriate.

Dallas- Fort Worth MPO, Fort Worth District:

1. CSJ 0259-06-005 is not approved due to STIP/MTP/2007 Transportation Conformity inconsistencies.
2. CSJ 0259-06-001 is not approved due to STIP/MTP/2007 Transportation Conformity inconsistencies.