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FHWA Approval of the May 2020 Quarterly  
Revisions to the FY 2019-2022 Statewide  
Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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Attention: Peter Smith

Dear Mr. Bass:

We reviewed the May 2020 Quarterly revisions to the FY 2019-2022 STIP, received with your July 7, 2020 letter. Based on our review the revisions to the FY 2019-2022 STIP are hereby approved subject to the enclosed comments. Please note STIP approval of projects that are not federally funded is not intended to provide federal endorsement or action.

Additionally, in accordance with our October 21, 2015 letter, TxDOT has been utilizing estimated Develop Authority (DA) to demonstrate the availability of sufficient project funding for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance actions for projects in rural portions of the State not consistent with the fiscally constrained STIP. This demonstration of funding availability has been provided to FHWA and FTA. However, the May 2020 Quarterly STIP Revision Develop Authority Summary Sheet indicates an over programming of DA of approximately \$3.18 Billion. As TxDOT is unable to demonstrate fiscal constraint for DA projects, NEPA clearance actions for projects utilizing DA should not be completed, unless the project is consistent with a fiscally constrained MPO MTP and TIP.

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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Enclosure

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**2020 May STIP Revisions  
Federal Comments**

#	HIGHWAY / TRANSIT	DISTRICT / MPO	CSJ / MPO ID Number	Federal Comment
1	TRANSIT	LBB / Lubbock MPO	409164	Not Approved. "534" is not a FTA funding category. What type of feasibility study? For whom? Who is the project sponsor? (it says 'Federally Funded" is the project sponsor) Planning activities are not required by FTA to be in the TIP/STIP but are required to be in the UPWP.
2	HIGHWAY	ABL / ABILENE	0034-01-127	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 07/07/2020.
3	HIGHWAY	AUS / CAMPO	0015-08-144	Not Approved. Project previously authorized.
4	HIGHWAY	AUS / CAMPO	0015-08-147	Not Approved. Project previously authorized.
5	HIGHWAY	AUS / CAMPO	0265-02-036	Not Approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with the adopted CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
6	HIGHWAY	AUS / CAMPO	0914-33-068	Not Approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's sponsor, facility, local funding and consistency with the adopted CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
7	HIGHWAY	AUS / CAMPO	12-00003-00	Not Approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with the adopted CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
8	HIGHWAY	AUS / CAMPO	1776-01-036	Not Approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with the adopted CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
9	HIGHWAY	AUS / CAMPO	1776-01-037	Not Approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's sponsor and consistency with the adopted CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
10	HIGHWAY	AUS / CAMPO	1776-02-019	Not Approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with the adopted CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
11	HIGHWAY	AUS / CAMPO	42-00002-00	Not Approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's fiscal year and consistency with the adopted CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
12	HIGHWAY	AUS / CAMPO	42-00005-00	Not Approved. Approval is withheld pending clarification of the project's fiscal year and consistency with the adopted CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
13	HIGHWAY	DAL / NCTCOG	0196-02-131	Approved. NCTCOG KBunkley June 30 confirmation that the entrance ramps were part of the Regional Transportation Conformity Travel Demand Model assumptions.
14	HIGHWAY	DAL / NCTCOG	0549-03-033	Approved. NCTCOG KBunkley July 2 provision of updated NRSA Table with SH 121 FR-D entries. See upload.
15	HIGHWAY	DAL / NCTCOG	0918-24-258	Approved. Approval based on NCTCOG KBunkley confirmation on June 22 of CMAQ use. See upload.
16	HIGHWAY	DAL / NCTCOG	1951-01-011	Approved. TxDOT NCTCOG June 30 confirmation via Statewide Planning Map that the length of the project is within the Urbanized Area. See upload.

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17	HIGHWAY	ELP / ELPMPPO	0924-06-605	Not approved. The remarks indicate that the MPO is amending this project into the 2021-2024 STIP. The current revision is May 2020 of the FY 2019 - 2021 STIP. The MPO's 2021-2024 TIP is currently under review for conformity.
18	HIGHWAY	ELP / ELPMPPO	0924-06-612	Not approved. Please provide additional information to assist Federal partners in determining CMAQ eligibility for this project.
19	HIGHWAY	ELP / ELPMPPO	0924-06-615	Not approved. Please provide additional information to assist Federal partners in determining CMAQ eligibility for this project.
20	HIGHWAY	ELP / ELPMPPO	0924-06-616	Not approved. The remarks indicate that the MPO is amending this project into the 2021-2024 STIP. The current revision is May 2020 of the FY 2019 - 2021 STIP.
21	HIGHWAY	ELP / ELPMPPO	0924-06-618	Not approved. The remarks indicate that the MPO is amending this project into the 2021-2024 STIP. The current revision is May 2020 of the FY 2019 - 2021 STIP.
22	HIGHWAY	ELP / ELPMPPO	2552-02-028	Not approved. Project change is not consistent with the current conformity (network year).
23	HIGHWAY	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-141	Approved. Per NCTCOG KBunkley email on June 26 the IN improvements were split out under TIP 11898.4 CSJ 071802074. Also, while currently being built to 4 lanes, the anticipated 6 lanes in the 2045 MTP are not yet reflected in the 4 year TIP STIP. See upload.
24	HIGHWAY	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-155	Approved. FTA LHayes concurrence received June 29.
25	HIGHWAY	HOU / H-GAC	16363	Not Approved. Project reflects the use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funding. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project scope and determination of eligibility for CMAQ funding.
26	HIGHWAY	HOU / H-GAC	0192-01-099	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 07/07/2020. Approval based upon Year of Expenditure funding clarification provided by H-GAC on 07/07/2020.
27	HIGHWAY	HOU / H-GAC	0192-02-053	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 07/07/2020. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 07/07/2020 concerning location of project (county) reflected in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
28	HIGHWAY	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-580	Approved. Approval based upon clarification provided by H-GAC on 07/07/2020 concerning the location of the project (city) reflected in the STIP.
29	HIGHWAY	HOU / H-GAC	General	The discussion associated with the Percent of Trips that are in Non-Single Occupancy Vehicles (Non-SOV) targets in Appendix B of H-GAC's 2019-2022 TIP and in Appendix P of H-GAC's 2045 RTP, indicates that H-GAC chose to adopt flat targets. However, the 2020 and 2022 targets reflect an increase from the noted baseline. Please clarify.
30	HIGHWAY	PAR / NCTCOG	1290-07-001	Not Approved. The MTP reflects a project cost of \$12 million while the STIP reflects a project cost of \$23 million. Approval is withheld pending MTP and TIP project cost consistency. YRs 2019 and 2020

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31	HIGHWAY	SJT / RURAL	0463-04-024	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 07/07/2020.
32	HIGHWAY	TYL / LONGVIEW	2073-01-010	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 07/07/2020.
33	HIGHWAY	TYL / RURAL	0910-35-036	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 07/07/2020.
34	HIGHWAY	WAC / KTMPO	0909-36-180	Not Approved. Project is not in MTP.
35	HIGHWAY	WAC / KTMPO	3623-01-004	Not Approved. Project is not in MTP.