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Joint Approval of May 2013 Quarterly Revisions to the FY 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Mr. Phil Wilson
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Attention: Marc Williams

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We have reviewed the May 2013 Quarterly revisions to the FY 2013-2016 STIP transmitted with your June 4, 2013 approval, received June 11, 2013. 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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Enclosure

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	MPO / District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	CAMPO/ Austin	0151-09-036	Approved. However, the State Funding total indicated in the Funding by Category/Share summary appears incorrect (\$22,750,000 versus \$20,750,000). Please revise or explain as appropriate.
2	CAMPO/ Austin	0151-09-127	Not Approved. Approval of this revision is withheld pending resolution of the following funding discrepancies. It is noted that the Year Of Expenditure cost noted for this project is inconsistent with the Funding by Share information provided (\$262,900,000 versus \$375,900,000). Additionally, it is noted that the Local and Other Local funding indicated in the Funding by Category/Share summary is inconsistent with the funding indicated in CAMPO's FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Financial Summary - Year of Expenditure Costs.
3	DFW/ DAL	1051-01-037	Not Approved. This project (phases E, R and C) is not consistent with NCTCOG's 2011 Transportation Conformity determination.
4	DFW/ DAL	3148-01-006	Not Approved. This project (phases E, R and C) is not consistent with NCTCOG's 2011 Transportation Conformity determination.
5	El Paso MPO / El Paso	2121-04-087	Approved. Project is consistent with the modeling for the conforming MTP (Mission 2035).
6	H-GAC/ Houston	0027-12-105	Not Approved. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2035 RTP Update.
7	H-GAC/ Houston	0050-06-079	Not Approved. Approval of this revision is withheld pending confirmation of the project's consistency with H-GAC's currently conforming 2035 RTP Update.H-GAC's currently conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2018 transportation conformity analysis year for this project. However, assuming a 2014 letting year and 2-year construction time-frame it appears that this project would be complete and open to traffic in 2016.
8	H-GAC/ Houston	0114-12-007	Not Approved. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project's consistency with H-GAC's currently conforming 2035 RTP Update.

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9	H-GAC/ Houston	0114-12-008	Not Approved. Approval of this revision is withheld pending confirmation of the project's consistency with H-GAC's currently conforming 2035 RTP Update. H-GAC's currently conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2018 transportation conformity analysis year for this project. However, assuming a 2014 letting year and 2-year construction time-frame it appears that this project would be complete and open to traffic in 2016.
10	H-GAC/ Houston	0978-02-034	Approved. However, final design may not be started until the proposed project has been environmentally cleared. In addition, engineering work completed in advance of environmental clearance is limited to that needed to complete the environmental document. Also, final environmental action can not be completed until the project is included in H-GAC's RTP and TIP as appropriate.
11	H-GAC/ Houston	2105-01-034	Approved. However, final design may not be started until the proposed project has been environmentally cleared. In addition, engineering work completed in advance of environmental clearance is limited to that needed to complete the environmental document. Also, final environmental action can not be completed until the project is included in H-GAC's RTP and TIP as appropriate.
12	H-GAC/ Houston	3187-01-005	Not Approved. Approval of this revision is withheld pending confirmation of the project's consistency with H-GAC's currently conforming 2035 RTP Update. H-GAC's currently conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2018 transportation conformity analysis year for this project. However, assuming a 2015 letting year and 2-year construction time-frame it appears that this project would be complete and open to traffic in 2017.

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13	H-GAC/ Houston	3187-02-006	Not Approved. Approval of this revision is withheld pending confirmation of the project's consistency with H-GAC's currently conforming 2035 RTP Update. H-GAC's currently conforming 2035 RTP Update indicates a 2018 transportation conformity analysis year for this project. However, assuming a 2015 letting year and 2-year construction time-frame it appears that this project would be complete and open to traffic in 2017.
14	Hidalgo/ Pharr	3629-01-001	Not Approved. Please clarify and provide more details on the phasing of this project as appropriate. MTP# HC-295a. It appears that this project (SH 68 PE) is listed in the MTP and TIP for FY 2013, FY 2014 and FY 2015 for preliminary engineering (PE). In the case of FY 2014 and FY 2015, the projects have the same YOE.
15	Hidalgo/ Pharr	3629-01-001	Not Approved. Please clarify and provide more details on the phasing of this project as appropriate. MTP# HC-295b. It appears that this project (SH 68 ROW) is listed in the MTP and TIP for FY 2015 and FY 2016.
16	SABC/ San Antonio	0521-01-045	Approved. Please confirm that 12-STP-MM(R) is consistent with 12S Strategic Priority RECON as listed on FY 2013-2016 TIP Financial Summary YOE or explain as appropriate.
17	SABC/ San Antonio	0521-01-046	Approved. Please confirm that 12-STP-MM(R) is consistent with 12S Strategic Priority RECON as listed on FY 2013-2016 TIP Financial Summary YOE or explain as appropriate.
18	SABC/ San Antonio	0915-12-496	Approved. Please note that final design may not be started until the proposed project has been environmentally cleared.
19	SABC/ San Antonio	0915-12-509	Approved. Please note that final design may not be started until the proposed project has been environmentally cleared.
20	Statewide	5000-00-061	Not Approved. Please provide additional clarification on scope of Rail Planning work.
21	Statewide	5000-00-062	Approved. Please provide additional clarification on scope of work.