

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION 819 TAYLOR STREET, ROOM 14A02 FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-9003

**300 E. 8TH STREET, ROOM 826 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701** 

December 2, 2015

Refer to: HPP-TX

Joint Approval of September 2015 out of cycle revisions to the FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Lt.Gen J.F. Weber, USMC (Ret) **Executive Director** Texas Department of Transportation 125 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78701

Attention: Marc Williams

Dear Lt.Gen Weber:

We have reviewed the September 2015 out of cycle revisions to the FY 2015-2018 STIP transmitted with your November 24, 2015 letter and 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,

ke Donald R. Koski, Director

Planning and Program Development Federal Transit Administration

Region VI

Michael T. Leary, Director

Planning and Program Development Federal Highway Administration

Texas Division

Enclosure

cc: Lynn Hayes, FTA, Region VI John Stott, TxDOT Design

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## 2015-2018 STIP September 2015 Out of Cycle Revisions

#	MPO /District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
1	HGA C/Houston	0978-01-034 0089-09-058 0089-09-065 0089-09-066 0027-08-173	Early STIP approval action was provided for these projects on November 30, 2015, based upon clarification provided by H-GAC concerning estimated time of completion and phase of work associated with these projects on October 30, 2015 and November 30, 2015, respectively.
2	HGAC/Houston	0912-56-052	Revision approved. How ever, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding is limited to eligible pedestrian and bicycle improvements.
3	HGAC/Houston	0912-72-313	Revision approved. However, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding is limited to eligible pedestrian improvements.
4	HGA C/Houston	0177-14-010 1400-04-033 1400-04-021 1400-03-006 2744-01-011 0177-15-003 0089-09-080	Not approved. These revisions appear to utilize District Program Authority (SPA). Approval of these revisions is withheld pending clarification of the amount of SPA available for project implementation.
5	HGA C/Houston	0912-73-188	Not approved. The proposed project does not appear to be consistent with H-GAC's conforming 2040 RTP. Additionally, the comments provided in H-GAC's Amendment 7 documentation indicate that additional revisions regarding Transportation Development Credits were to be addressed in H-GAC's Amendment 9. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the proposed project's consistency with H-GAC's conforming 2040 RTP and additional project revisions addressed in H-GAC's Amendment 9.

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#	MPO /District	CSJ Number	STIP comment
6	HGAC/Houston	14580	Not approved. The description of work provided for the proposed revision is unclear regarding the number of lanes proposed for the roadway. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the number of lanes proposed for this roadway.
7	HGA C/Houston	1062-04-022	Not approved. This revision appears to utilize Statew ide Program Authority (SWSPA). Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the amount of SWSPA available for project implementation.
8	HGA C/Houston	4070	Not approved. H-GAC's Amendment 28 documentation indicates this project to be funded with \$8,040,000 in local funds. How ever, the project entry indicates \$6,432,000 in Federal funds and \$1,608,000 in local funds. Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the noted funding discrepancy.
9	HGA C/Houston	11032	This project revision appears to be duplicated in E-STIP. The first instance of this project revision is approved; how ever, the second occurrence is not approved.
10	NCTCOG/DAL	0092-14-081	No additional STIP action required as funding for this project was previously authorized. Proposed revision provides clarification concerning re-letting of project.
11	NCTCOG/DAL	0092-14-911	No additional STIP action required as funding for this project was previously authorized. Proposed revision provides clarification concerning re-letting of project.
12	NCTCOG/DAL	0197-02-108	No additional STIP action required as funding for this project was previously authorized. Proposed revision provides clarification concerning re-letting of project.
13	NCTCOG/DAL	0197-02-924	No additional STIP action required as funding for this project was previously authorized. Proposed revision provides clarification concerning re-letting of project.

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November 24, 2015

Mr. Al Alonzi Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 300 East Eighth Street, Suite 826 Austin, Texas 78701

Attention: Genevieve Bales

Dear Mr. Alonzi:

The September Out-of-Cycle Revisions with backup documentation to the Fiscal Year 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program have been uploaded into the eSTIP portal and are ready for your review. Some districts and metropolitan planning organizations have included transit revisions and the Federal Transit Administration has been notified.

Acting on behalf of the Governor by the authority vested in me by the Governor of the State of Texas, I approve these revisions for your review and approval.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Lori Morel at (512) 486-5033. Sincerely,

LtGen J.F. Weber, USMC (Ret) Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: James W. Koch, P.E., Transportation Planning and Programming Division Director

Lori Morel, Transportation Planning and Programming Division

## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

STIP

2015-2018

September 2015 Out of Cycle Revision

Approved:

LtGen J.F. Weber, USMC (Ret)

**Executive Director** 

Dated:

Texas
Department
of Transportation



## 2015 -2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

September 2015 Out of Cycle Revision
Transportation Planning and Programming

Public Hearing Held - Tuesday, October 20th, 2015



### GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 23, 2015

Lieutenant General Joe Weber, USMC (Ret.) Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78701-2483

#### Dear General Weber:

Pursuant to the power vested to the governor of Texas by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, I hereby designate the Texas Department of Transportation's executive director, or his or her designees, the authority to sign or cause to be signed the necessary transportation planning- and programming-related documents and actions; routine federal funding, study, environmental and certification documents; and construction permits pertaining to the programs of the:

- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Federal Railroad Administration
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- National Transportation Safety Board
- Maritime Administration
- International Boundary and Water Commission
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This delegation is contingent upon my office being given the opportunity to review and comment on each document prior to signature. Additionally, for our records, please provide my office with one copy of each document signed under this authority immediately upon transmittal.

Lieutenant General Joe Weber, USMC (Ret.) November 23, 2015 Page 2

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If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Chuy Gonzalez at (512) 463-1778 or <a href="mailto:Chuy.Gonzalez@gov.texas.gov">Chuy.Gonzalez@gov.texas.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott Governor

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