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August 16, 2022

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HPP-TX

Federal Approval of the May 2022  
Revisions to the FY 2021-2024 Statewide  
Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Marc Williams, P.E.  
Executive Director  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 E. 11th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Attention: Lori Morel

Dear Mr. Williams:

We reviewed the May 2022 revisions to the FY 2021-2024 STIP, transmitted with your August 2, 2022 letter. Following this letter several clarifications and updates to the Fiscal Constraint and Develop Authority (DA) summaries were provided that supported us in completing the review of the STIP revisions. The May 2022 revisions to the FY 2021-2024 STIP are hereby approved subject to the enclosed comments. Please note that 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 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 was provided to FHWA and FTA with the May 2022 STIP revisions. The May 2022 STIP revision DA Summary Sheet is accepted. NEPA clearance actions for projects utilizing DA should not be completed unless the project is consistent with a fiscally constrained MPO TIP/MTP or the Rural DA Project list (May 2022 STIP Revision).

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

cc: Lynn Hayes, FTA, Region VI  
Jessica Butler, TxDOT TPP  
Daniel Dargevics, TxDOT Finance  
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Lori Morel, TxDOT TPP  
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**2022 May Amendment 2021-2024 STIP  
- Federal Comments**

	<b>District / MPO</b>	<b>CSJ Number</b>	<b>STIP comment</b>
1	BRY / BCSMPO	0212-03-050	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 8/11/2022.
2	CRP / CCMPO	0916-00-255	Not approved. Please provide clarification on the scope of work.
3	ELP / EPMPO	0924-06-620	Approved. Early action effective 8/5/2022.
4	DAL / NCTCOG	0918-46-267	Not approved given its a YR 2019 entry and this is a 21-24 STIP.
5	DAL / NCTCOG	0918-47-274	Not approved given its a YR 2020 entry and this is a 21-24 STIP.
6	DAL / NCTCOG	0918-47-352	Not approved. Pending FFCS Amendment.
7	DAL / NCTCOG	0081-13-050	Not approved due to Plan to Program inconsistencies.
8	DAL / NCTCOG	0918-24-262	Not approved. Not approved until eligibility may be determined.
9	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-00-235	Not approved given its a YR 2020 entry and this is a 21-24 STIP.
10	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-137	Not approved given its a YR 2025 entry and this is a 21-24 STIP.
11	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-034	Not approved given its a YR 2025 entry and this is a 21-24 STIP.
12	FTW / NCTCOG	0008-03-133	Not approved due to Plan to Program inconsistencies.
13	FTW / NCTCOG	0008-16-044	Not approved due to Plan to Program inconsistencies.
14	FTW / NCTCOG	0008-03-094	Not approved due to Plan to Program inconsistencies.
15	FTW / NCTCOG	0008-13-250	Not approved due to Plan to Program inconsistencies.
16	FTW / NCTCOG	0014-15-037	Not approved due to Plan to Program inconsistencies.
17	FTW / NCTCOG	0013-08-130	Not approved due to possible Plan to Program inconsistencies.
18	FTW / NCTCOG	0013-08-111	Not approved due to possible Plan to Program inconsistencies.
19	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-266	Not approved. Not approved until eligibility may be determined.
20	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-260	Not approved. Not approved until eligibility may be determined.
21	FTW / NCTCOG	0902-90-261	Not approved. Not approved until eligibility may be determined.
22	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 20245 RTP - Appendix P	Page 8, Highway Safety: The discussion on this page concerning roadway safety measures reflects the MPO's adoption of a resolution to support the State's safety targets in February 2017 and February 2019. Did the MPO adopt resolutions supporting the State's safety targets in 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2022? Please clarify or revise as appropriate.

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23	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 20245 RTP - Appendix P	Page 24, Air Quality/On-Road Mobile Source Emissions Measures: The discussion in the first partial paragraph on this page appears to address the basis for the 2020 mid-performance period emissions targets adjustments, rather than the 2018 baseline, 2-year and 4-year targets reflected in the table on this page. Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
24	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 20245 RTP - Appendix P	Page 28, Transit Asset Management: Please clarify the intent of the second sentence in the last paragraph on this page, concerning the region's transit providers.
25	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 2021-2024 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-2, Table B-1: Recommend references to FAST Act Provisions in this table be revised to reflect the appropriate metropolitan planning regulation references.
26	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 2021-2024 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-6, Transportation Resilience and Durability Assessment Study: Recommend deletion of duplicate text in the second sentence of the last paragraph in this section.
27	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 2021-2024 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-22, Highway Safety: The discussion on this page concerning roadway safety measures reflects the MPO's adoption of a resolution to support the State's safety targets in February 2017 and February 2019. Did the MPO adopt resolutions supporting the State's safety targets in 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2022? Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
28	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 2021-2024 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-22, Highway Safety: The discussion in the last paragraph on this page indicates that H-GAC reports progress towards meeting the targets by February 25 <sup>th</sup> . It is noted that a similar reference in Appendix P of H-GAC's 2045 RTP indicates reporting completed by February 27 <sup>th</sup> . Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
29	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 2021-2024 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-39, Air Quality/On-Road Mobile Source Emissions Measures: The discussion in the first partial paragraph on this page appears to address the basis for the 2020 mid-performance period emissions targets adjustments, rather than the 2018 baseline, 2-year and 4-year targets reflected in the table on this page. Please clarify or revise as appropriate.

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30	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 2021-2024 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-39, Comments #59 (reference to 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program) and #60 (reference to September 30, 2020 due date for Mid-Performance Period reporting) reflected in our (FHWA/FTA) letter of December 22, 2021, approving the November 2021 revisions to the FY 2021-2024 STIP do not appear to be addressed. Please clarify.
31	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 2021-2024 TIP - Appendix J	Page J-5, Table J-2: Projects reflected as grouped in this table include Regional Freeway Incident Management and Vanpool projects, and a Downtown Livable Communities Initiative project. However, consistency of these activities (project scope) with the eligible project groupings noted in our February 23, 2021, letter updating the grouped projects definitions is unclear. Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
32	HOU / H-GAC	H-GAC 2021-2024 TIP - Appendix D	General: Please clarify how Comment #52 concerning the use of Appendix D, reflected in our letter of June 10, 2022 approving the February 2022 revisions to the FY 2021-2024 STIP was addressed.
33	HOU / H-GAC	0188-096-040 / 981	Approved. Approval based upon H-GAC's 08/08/2022 clarification of project funding category and updated 08/05/2022 2045 RTP project listing.
34	HOU / H-GAC	3510-04-019 / 18022	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 08/12/2022. Approval based upon H-GAC's updated 08/05/2022 2045 RTP project listing.
35	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-670 / 18846	Not Approved. Phase of work and project sponsor reflected in H-GAC FY 2021-2024 TIP are inconsistent with e-STIP. Also, anticipated emission reductions are not reflected in H-GAC FY 2021-2024 TIP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of phase of work, project sponsor and emission reductions.

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36	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-639 / 15243	Not Approved. Phase of work and CSJ reflected in H-GAC FY 2021-2024 TIP are inconsistent with e-STIP. Also, anticipated emission reductions are not reflected in H-GAC FY 2021-2024 TIP. Additionally, H-GAC's updated 08/05/2022 2045 RTP project listing notes project as exempt concerning transportation conformity. However, basis for exempt determination is unclear. Approval is withheld pending clarification of phase of work, CSJ, emission reductions and transportation conformity status.
37	HOU / H-GAC	0976-03-109 / 17122	Approved. Approval based upon H-GAC's updated 08/05/2022 2045 RTP project listing.
38	HOU / H-GAC	0912-72-619 / 16126	Not Approved. Federal funding, YOE cost and Cost of Approved Phases amounts reflected in H-GAC FY 2021-2024 TIP are inconsistent with e-STIP. Also, H-GAC FY 2021-2024 TIP notes fiscal year as 2019. Additionally, project is not consistent with H-GAC's updated 08/05/2022 2045 RTP project listing. Approval is withheld pending clarification of Federal funding, YOE cost, Cost of Approved Phases, fiscal year and consistency with H-GAC's 2045 RTP.
39	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-632 / 18528	Approved. Approval based upon H-GAC's 08/08/2022 clarification concerning the use of TDCs and updated 08/05/2022 2045 RTP project listing.
40	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-633 / 18618	Approved. Approval based upon H-GAC's 08/08/2022 clarification concerning the use of TDCs and updated 08/05/2022 2045 RTP project listing.
41	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-666 / 18821	Not Approved. Phase of work and fiscal year reflected in H-GAC FY 2021-2024 TIP are inconsistent with e-STIP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of phase of work and fiscal year.
42	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-667 / 18819	Approved. Approval based upon H-GAC's 08/08/2022 clarification concerning the project's fiscal year and updated 08/05/2022 2045 RTP project listing.
43	HOU / H-GAC	0912-00-668 / 18820	Approved. Approval based upon H-GAC's updated 08/05/2022 2045 RTP project listing.
44	HOU / H-GAC	0912-27-245 / 18033	Approved. Approval based upon H-GAC's updated 08/05/2022 2045 RTP project listing.