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Joint Approval of May 2010 Quarterly Revisions for the FY 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Mr. James Randall, P. E.
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Dear Mr. Randall:

We have reviewed the May 2010 Quarterly Revisions to the FY 2008-2011 STIP transmitted by Mr. Amadeo Saenz’s cover letter of June 22, 2010. Based upon our review, the May 2010 Quarterly Revisions to the STIP are hereby approved subject to the enclosed comments.

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,

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Regional Administrator
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Michael T. Leary, Director
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Enclosure
DALLAS-FORT WORTH MPO:

1. CSJ 0095-13-025: This revision is approved contingent upon confirmation of the corrected MTP reference as FT1 1285.

2. CSJ 0918-45-889: Approval of this revision is withheld pending clarification of the project’s scope of work. It is noted that CSJ 0918-45-889 appears to duplicate existing CSJ 0918-45-696 with regard to project concept, design scope and funding.

3. CSJ 0918-22-908: This project is included in both FY 2010 and 2011 (i.e., same design concept, design scope, funding and project phasing). Approval of these revisions is withheld pending clarification of the appropriate FY and/or clarification concerning the inclusion of both projects (i.e., different phase of work, etc.).

HOUSTON MPO/DISTRICT:

1. CSJ 0271-07-292: The increase in the federal cost proposed in this revision cannot be approved due to concerns regarding fiscal constraint of the FY 2008-2011 STIP. As such approval of this revision is withheld.

2. CSJ 1986-01-060: This revision proposes to change the funding for this project to Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funds. However, the revision does not appear to provide emission reductions for the project. Approval of this revision is withheld pending receipt of estimated emissions reductions for the proposed project.