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In Reply Refer to:
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Federal Approval of the FY 2027-2030
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Marc Williams, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the FY 2027-2030 STIP, received electronically on July 16, 2026, with the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) approval letter (dated July 13, 2026). Based upon our review and the submitted fiscal constraint documentation as part of the 2027 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission on August 26, 2026, the FY 2027-2030 STIP is 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.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218, the FY 2027-2030 STIP includes the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) for Texas' Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). We jointly find that the State of Texas and the MPOs have generally complied with the joint statewide and metropolitan planning regulations issued by FTA and FHWA pursuant to Title 23 United States Code (USC) Sections 134 and 135, and the Federal Transit Act under Title 49 USC, except as otherwise noted in the enclosed project specific comments.

Based upon our review the STIP documentation and the attached Federal Planning Finding, the FY 2027-2030 STIP is 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. We thank TxDOT-TTP staff for their efforts in completing the review and approval of the FY 2027-2030 STIP.

The FY 2027-2030 STIP for the El Paso, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio non-attainment areas have been reviewed for consistency with their currently conforming Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs). Based upon this review, we hereby find that the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for these areas conform in compliance with 40 CFR Part 93, except as otherwise noted in the project specific comments recorded in the e-STIP.

To expedite the review and approval of the current FY 2027-2030 STIP (and subsequent STIP revisions), FHWA implemented a streamlined approach for the Federal review of the STIP. In accordance with this streamlined approach, FHWA staff have reviewed only a statistically valid sample of the STIP entries submitted for the FY 2027-2030 STIP. The other STIP project entries that were not reviewed as part of the statistically valid random sample are noted with corresponding comments in the e-STIP.

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 the rural portions of the State that are not consistent with the fiscally constrained STIP. This demonstration of funding availability has been provided to FHWA and FTA and is accepted. NEPA clearance actions for projects utilizing DA should not be completed unless the project is consistent with a fiscally constrained Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) TIP/MTP, or the Rural DA project list provided with the FY 2027-2030 STIP. Please note that acceptance of the PA information provided in the FY 2027-2030 STIP is withheld pending clarification of basis for this information.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Mr. Kirk D. Fauver of the FHWA Texas Division at (512) 536-5952 or kirk.fauver@dot.gov or Mr. Kwasi Bosompem of the FTA Region 6 office at (817) 978-0553 or kwasi.bosompem@dot.gov for additional information.

Sincerely,

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