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

Subject: Federal Approval of the 2025 May Quarterly Revisions to the FY 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the 2025 May quarterly revisions to the FY 2025-2028 STIP, received on July 7, 2025, along with the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) approval letter. Although several inconsistencies were identified in the fiscal constraint information as provided it appears that overall, the STIP remains fiscally constrained. To achieve this balance, there may be a need to increase short-term borrowing within the allowed constraints. Based upon our review, the 2025 May revisions to the FY 2025-2028 STIP are hereby approved. To expedite the approval process and improve efficiency, all project specific comments are recorded and included as part of the 2025 May instance of TxDOT's FY 2025-2028 electronic STIP (eSTIP) documentation. A list of non-project specific comments is enclosed. Please note that STIP approval of projects that are not federally funded is not intended to provide Federal endorsement or action.

Revisions to the FY 2025-2028 STIP for the Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio and Beaumont non-attainment and maintenance 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, except as otherwise noted in the project specific comments recorded in eSTIP.

As part of the STIP backup documentation for the 2025 May revision to the FY 2025-2028 STIP, two versions of the H-GAC Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) were submitted with conflicting dates. As a result, to ensure timely Federal STIP action, the H-GAC Highway projects were not approved pending confirmation of the correct version of the RTP. Once confirmed and the correct document is uploaded to the eSTIP portal, Federal partners will work to review these STIP exceptions.

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 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 2025 May STIP revision.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Ms. Genevieve Bales of the FHWA Texas Division at Genevieve.Bales@dot.gov or Mr. Kwasi Bosompem of the FTA Region VI office at Kwasi.Bosompem@dot.gov for additional information.

Sincerely,

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