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June 7, 2024

In Reply Refer to: HPP-TX

Federal Approval of the May 2024 Revisions to the FY 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Marc Williams, Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation 125 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the May 2024 revisions to the FY 2023-2026 STIP, received on June 5, 2024, with the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) approval letter (dated June 4, 2024). Based upon our review and the updated fiscal constraint documentation (received May 31, 2024), the May 2024 revisions to the FY 2023-2026 STIP are 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.

Revisions to the FY 2023-2026 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, except as otherwise noted in the enclosed project specific comments.

To expedite the review and approval of the STIP/STIP revisions, TxDOT and FHWA have implemented a streamlined approach for Federal review of the STIP/STIP revisions. In accordance with this streamlined approach, if the total number of project entries for any MPO or District exceed 30 entries, then FHWA staff will review a statistically valid sample of the entries for the area. Entries that are not reviewed as part of the sample will be designated with a corresponding comment. This comment helps to flag entries for additional TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TPP) review. It also supports TxDOT in their responsibility to ensure proper authorization of Federal-aid funds. For the May 2024 revision this streamlined approach was applied to the Dallas/Fort Worth MPO area revisions.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Ms. Krystal Lastrape of the FHWA Texas Division at (512) 536-5936 or <u>Krystal.Lastrape@dot.gov</u> or Ms. Lynn Hayes of the FTA Region 6 office at (817) 978-0565 or <u>Lynn.Hayes@dot.gov</u> for additional information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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#	District	MPO	CSJ #	STIP comment
1	STATEWIDE	Statewide Financials	Statewide Financial Summaries	The FY 2025 CAT 10 funding reflected in the Statewide MPO_District and Houston MPO TIP financial summaries does not appear to include all of the CAT 10_FB funding noted in e-STIP and the MPO's FY 2023-2026 TIP, for the MPO ID 19086 project. Please clarify.
2	AMA	RURAL	0238-06-039	Not approved. Please clarify number of truck parking spots and basis for CRP eligibility of Picnic Area.
3	AMA	RURAL	0909-04-069	Not approved. Please clarify number of truck parking spots.
4	BMT	H-GAC	5000-00-192	Not Approved. Funding category reflected in e-STIP is inconsistent with MPO TIP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of funding.
5	CRP	CORPUS	0326-01-056	Not Approved. Not approved due to STIP and MTP total project cost inconsistencies.
6	CRP	CORPUS	5000-00-187	Not Approved. Not approved due to planning inconsistencies. Project is not reflected in MPO's MTP.
7	CRP	CORPUS	0916-00-282	Not Approved. Not approved due to planning inconsistencies. Project is not reflected in MPO's MTP.
8	DAL	NCTCOG	TIP Highway Financial Summary	In FY 2023, the MPO TIP Highway Financial Summary CAT 5, CAT 7, Strategy Budget PE, and Strategy Budget ROW is inconsistent with the Statewide Financial Summary. Please clarify.
9	DAL	NCTCOG	TIP Highway Financial Summary	In FY 2025, the MPO TIP Highway Financial Summary CAT 5 and CAT 7 is inconsistent with the Statewide Financial Summary. Please clarify.
10	DAL	NCTCOG	TIP Highway Financial Summary	In FY 2026, the MPO TIP Highway Financial Summary CAT 7 is inconsistent with the Statewide Financial Summary. Please clarify.
11	DAL	NCTCOG	0000-02-045	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
12	DAL	NCTCOG	0000-18-051	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
13	DAL	NCTCOG	0009-11-248	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
14	DAL	NCTCOG	0009-11-262	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
15	DAL	NCTCOG	0009-11-263	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
16	DAL	NCTCOG	0047-05-057	Not approved. Not approved due to Plan to Program inconsistencies e.g., total project cost. (YR 2023)

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17	DAL	NCTCOG	0047-05-057	Not approved. Not approved due to Plan to Program inconsistencies e.g., total project cost. (YR 2025)
18	DAL	NCTCOG	0047-05-058	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.(YR 2023)
19	DAL	NCTCOG	0047-05-058	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility. (YR 2025)
20	DAL	NCTCOG	0091-03-022	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
21	DAL	NCTCOG	0092-03-053	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
22	DAL	NCTCOG	0172-04-049	Not approved. Not approved due to Plan to Program inconsistencies e.g., total project cost.
23	DAL	NCTCOG	0172-13-009	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
24	DAL	NCTCOG	0197-05-063	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
25	DAL	NCTCOG	0364-04-051	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility. (FY 2023)
26	DAL	NCTCOG	0364-04-051	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility. (YR 2025)
27	DAL	NCTCOG	0451-04-025	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
28	DAL	NCTCOG	0451-05-003	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
29	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-00-407	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
30	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-00-469	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
31	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-00-473	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
32	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-47-208	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility. (FY 2023)

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33	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-47-208	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.(YR 2026)
34	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-47-363	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
35	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-47-517	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility. (YR 2025)
36	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-47-517	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility. (YR 2026)
37	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-47-521	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility. (YR 2023)
38	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-47-521	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.(FY 2025)
39	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-47-524	Not approved. Not approved due to missing supporting information e.g., 24-25 UPWP.
40	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-47-526	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility. (YR 2024)
41	DAL	NCTCOG	0918-47-526	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility. (YR 2025)
42	DAL	NCTCOG	1013-01-040	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
43	DAL	NCTCOG	1013-03-002	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
44	DAL	NCTCOG	1310-01-049	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
45	DAL	NCTCOG	1568-02-016	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
46	DAL	NCTCOG	2964-10-013	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
47	DAL	NCTCOG	2964-12-005	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
48	DAL	NCTCOG	2964-12-006	Not approved. Not approved due to potential Plan to Program inconsistencies e.g., project limits.

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49	DAL	NCTCOG	0000-18-049	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
50	DAL	NCTCOG	0902-90-050	Not approved. Not approved given Phase C yet Project Descr includes PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR CONNECTION TO MIKE LEWIS TRAIL.
51	ELP	EL PASO	0924-06-625	Not Approved. Approval pending documentation of MPO action.
52	ELP	EL PASO	0924-06-565	Not Approved. Approval pending documentation of MPO action.
53	ELP	EL PASO	0924-06-625	Not Approved. Approval pending documentation of MPO action.
54	FTW	NCTCOG	TIP Highway Financial Summary	In FY 2024, the MPO TIP Highway Financial Summary CAT 5, CAT 7, and 3LC is inconsistent with the Statewide Financial Summary. Please clarify.
55	FTW	NCTCOG	TIP Highway Financial Summary	In FY 2025, the MPO TIP Highway Financial Summary Strategy Budget PE, and Strategy Budget ROW is inconsistent with the Statewide Financial Summary. Please clarify.
56	FTW	NCTCOG	0902-00-383	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
57	FTW	NCTCOG	0902-00-385	Not approved. Not approved due to potential Plan inconsistencies e.g., supporting MPO IDs. (YR 2024)
58	FTW	NCTCOG	0902-00-385	Not approved. Not approved due to potential Plan inconsistencies e.g., supporting MPO IDs. (YR 2025)
59	FTW	NCTCOG	0902-00-385	Not approved. Not approved due to potential Plan inconsistencies e.g., supporting MPO IDs. (YR 2026)
60	FTW	NCTCOG	0902-90-164	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
61	FTW	NCTCOG	0902-90-324	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
62	FTW	NCTCOG	0902-90-326	Not approved. Not approved due to CMAQ ineligibility e.g., missing emission reductions.
63	FTW	NCTCOG	0902-00-384	Approved. Approval based upon the streamlined process agreed to between TxDOT and FHWA. This approval does not indicate Federal eligibility.
64	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-23: The discussion in the fifth paragraph on this page refers to the development of the 2023 safety targets. However, the discussion in the second paragraph on page B-24 addresses the 2024 safety targets. Please clarify or revise as appropriate.

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65	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-24, Figure B-16: The FY 2024 TxDOT safety performance measure targets reflected in this figure do not appear to reflect TxDOT's 5-year rolling average. Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
66	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-26: The discussion in the second paragraph on this page appears to refer to activities to be completed during the first performance period (2018-2022). Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
67	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-29: The discussion in the last paragraph on this page indicates that performance measure targets may be revised at the beginning, mid-point and end of the performance period. Recommend this discussion be revised to clarify that targets are established at the beginning of the performance period and may be adjusted at the mid-point of the performance period.
68	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-32: The discussion in the last paragraph on this page indicates that performance measure targets may be revised at the beginning, mid-point and end of the performance period. Recommend this discussion be revised to clarify that targets are established at the beginning of the performance period and may be adjusted at the mid-point of the performance period.
69	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-33, Figure B-23a: The title for this figure indicates Interstate and Non-interstate Pavement Targets and Conditions. However, the information reflected in the table addresses bridge condition and targets. Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
70	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-37: The discussion in the second paragraph on this page indicates that performance measure targets may be revised at the beginning, mid-point and end of the performance period. Recommend this discussion be revised to clarify that targets are established at the beginning of the performance period and may be adjusted at the mid-point of the performance period.
71	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-38: The discussion in the third paragraph on this page indicates that Interstate reliability is <u>currently</u> 63%. However, the discussion appears to address the first performance period (2018-2022). Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
72	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-39: Recommend that a reference indicating that the reporting of the 2022 baseline and future 2024 and 2026 targets being included in the 2022 System Performance Measures Reporting and Scorecards Report on page B-64, as reflected on page B-38 for the travel time reliability measures discussion, be added to the discussion on this page (Truck Travel Time Reliability Index).
73	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-40: The discussion in the first paragraph on this page indicates that FHWA established two performance measures to assess traffic congestion for areas receiving CMAQ funding. However, consistent with 23 CFR 490.703, CMAQ Traffic Congestion performance measures are applicable to areas designated nonattainment or maintenance for ozone, carbon monoxide or particulate matter. Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
74	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC FY 2023- 2026 TIP - Appendix B	Page B-42: The discussion in the second paragraph on this page refers to <u>current</u> CMAQ projects. However, the discussion appears to address the first performance period (2018-2022). Please clarify or revise as appropriate.
75	HOU	H-GAC	2023-2026 TIP - Appendix J	Page J-7, Table J-2: The following projects are reflected as grouped: MPOIDs 7739, 10885, 18358, 18367, 18368, 11533, 18337, 18347, 19027, 19028, 19029, 19033, 19049, 19050, 19051, 19052, 19063, 19066, 19067, 19068, 19069, 19070, 19071, 19072 and 19073. However, the basis for identifying these projects as grouped is unclear. Please clarify or revise as appropriate.

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76	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 9: See comment #64 above.
77	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 10 (last Table): See comment #65 above.
78	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 12: See comment #66 above.
79	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 15: See comment #67 above.
80	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 18: See comment #68 above.
81	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 19 (Table): See comment #69 above.
82	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 23: See comment #70 above.
83	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 24: See comment #71 above.
84	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 25: See comment #72 above.
85	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 26 (second paragraph): See comment #73 above.
86	HOU	H-GAC	H-GAC 2045 RTP - Appendix O	Page 28 (third paragraph): See comment #74 above.
87	HOU	H-GAC	0912-00-635	Not Approved. Project description is unclear concerning scope of promotional activities. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project scope.
88	HOU	H-GAC	0523-07-003	Approved. TxDOT must ensure appropriate functional classification action and FHWA approval is received for this project (all phases) to be eligible for Federal funding.
89	HOU	H-GAC	0111-03-067	Not Approved. Location (County) reflected in e-STIP is inconsistent with MPO TIP and 2045 RTP Update. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project location.
90	HOU	H-GAC	1006-02-010	Not Approved. Location (County) reflected in e-STIP is inconsistent with MPO TIP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project location.
91	HOU	H-GAC	0508-01-390	Approved. TxDOT must ensure appropriate functional classification action and FHWA approval is received for this project (all phases) to be eligible for Federal funding.
92	HOU	H-GAC	0500-03-616	Approved. TxDOT must ensure appropriate functional classification action and FHWA approval is received for this project (all phases) to be eligible for Federal funding.

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93	HOU	H-GAC	0500-08-002	Not Approved. March 2024 amendment for MPO ID 16330 does not appear consistent with the Houston-Galveston non-attainment area's November 1, 2023, transportation conformity determination. Approval is withheld pending clarification of consistency with the November 1, 2023, transportation conformity determination and MPO ID 16330 March 2024 amendment.
94	HOU	H-GAC	5000-00-191	Not Approved. Funding category reflected in e-STIP is inconsistent with MPO TIP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of funding.
95	HOU	H-GAC	0110-03-081	Not Approved. Project location (County) reflected in e-STIP is inconsistent with MPO TIP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project location.
96	HOU	H-GAC	0110-03-083	Not Approved. Project location (County) reflected in e-STIP is inconsistent with MPO TIP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project location.
97	HOU	H-GAC	0110-03-082	Not Approved. Project location (County) reflected in e-STIP is inconsistent with MPO TIP. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project location.
98	HOU	H-GAC	0912-73-222	Approved. Early STIP approval action effective 06/06/2024.
99	HOU	H-GAC	0114-12-017	Not Approved. Project description is unclear concerning intent of truck parking lot (rest or inspection area) and number of proposed truck parking spaces. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project description.
100	HOU	H-GAC	0508-01-396	Not Approved. Project scope and transportation conformity analysis year do not appear consistent with the Houston-Galveston non-attainment area's November 1, 2023, transportation conformity determination. Approval is withheld pending clarification of project's consistency with the November 1, 2023, transportation conformity determination.
101	HOU	H-GAC	0271-04-093	Approved. TxDOT must ensure appropriate functional classification action and FHWA approval is received for this project (all phases) to be eligible for Federal funding.
102	HOU	H-GAC	0271-05-052	Approved. TxDOT must ensure appropriate functional classification action and FHWA approval is received for this project (all phases) to be eligible for Federal funding.
103	HOU	H-GAC	MPO ID 18405	Not Approved. Proposed project revision is not within FY 2023-2026 STIP time-frame.
104	PHR	RGVMPO	TIP Highway Financial Summary	In FY 2024, the MPO TIP Highway Financial Summary CAT 7, and 3LC is inconsistent with the Statewide Financial Summary. Please clarify.
105	PHR	RGVMPO	TIP Highway Financial Summary	In FY 2026, the MPO TIP Highway Financial Summary CAT 2 is inconsistent with the Statewide Financial Summary. Please clarify.
106	PHR	RGVMPO	0921-06-289	Not Approved. Please clarify basis for CRP eligibility of drinking fountains, benches, and a re-designation of an adjacent lane.

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107	SAT	AAMPO	5000-00-235	Not approved. Not approved as there is no Project Description.
108	SAT	AAMPO	0915-12-726	Not approved. Not approved based needed clarifications of remarks re. association with CSJ 0915-12-731.
109	WAC	КТМРО	0909-36-200	Not approved. Approval withheld pending MTP update.
110	WAC	КТМРО	0909-36-202	Not approved. Approval withheld pending MTP update.
111	WAC	KTMPO	0909-36-203	Not approved. Approval withheld pending MTP update. Also, please clarify the CSJ number as it is inconsistent in the MTP versus the TIP (0909-36-203 in plan; 0909-36-202 in TIP).
112	WAC	KTMPO	0909-36-201	Not approved. Approval withheld pending MTP update.
113	WAC	KTMPO	5000-00-189	Not approved. Approval withheld pending MTP update.
114	Hill Country Transit District	КТМРО	Transit	FTA: MTP has not been approved. (Marc Oliphant & Lynn Hayes)
115	Hill Country Transit District	КТМРО	Transit	FTA: MTP has not been approved. (Marc Oliphant & Lynn Hayes)
116	Hill Country Transit District	КТМРО	Transit	FTA: MTP has not been approved. (Marc Oliphant & Lynn Hayes)