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Reference: *Noise Barrier Reasonable Cost Proposal Update*

Dear Doug:

We have reviewed the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Reasonable Cost Proposal Update for 2023 sent to us by letter dated October 19, 2023. Based on our review of the revised cost update and in accordance with 23 CFR 772.13(d)(2)(ii), we approve TxDOT's wall-only costs per square foot increase from \$35 per square foot to \$45 per square foot.

If you have any questions about FHWA approval of the subject document please do not hesitate to call Tom Bruechert, Environment Program Manager and Team Leader at 536-5948.

Sincerely yours,

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