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

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

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the February 2025 Quarterly revisions to the FY 2025-2028 STIP, received on April 28, 2025, with the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) approval letter and the DA Report transmitted on April 8, 2025. Based upon our review February 2025 revisions to the FY 2025-2028 STIP are hereby approved subject to Federal comments. To expedite the approval process and improve efficiency, all project specific comments are recorded and included as part of the 2025 February 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 El Paso, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antionio 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.

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 not consistent with the fiscally constrained STIP. This demonstration of funding availability has been provided to FHWA and FTA. Acceptance of the DA funding demonstration is withheld pending resolution of the enclosed comments. 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 previously accepted rural DA project list provided with the November 2024 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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Enclosure

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