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

Subject: Federal Approval of the November 2024 Revisions to the FY 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the November 2024 revisions to the FY 2025-2028 STIP, received on December 23, 2024, with the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) approval letter (dated December 23, 2024). Based upon our review and the updated fiscal constraint documentation (received January 16, 2025), the Highway portion of the November 2024 revisions to the FY 2025-2028 were approved in the electronic STIP (eSTIP) on March 4. This letter is the formal approval of the November 2024 revisions, subject to the enclosed comments. The Transit portion of the November 2024 revisions to the FY 2025-2028 STIP was approved by the Federal Transit Administration's Region 6 office on January 14, 2025, per their February 13, 2025, letter. 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 is accepted. NEPA clearance actions for projects utilizing DA should not

be completed unless the project is consistent with a fiscally constrained MPO TIP/MTP or the Rural DA Project list provided with the November 2024 revisions.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Mr. Jose Campos of the FHWA Texas Division at (512) 536-5932 or Jose.Campos@dot.gov or Ms. Genevieve Bales of the FHWA Texas Division at (512) 536-5943 or Genevieve.Bales@dot.gov for additional information.

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