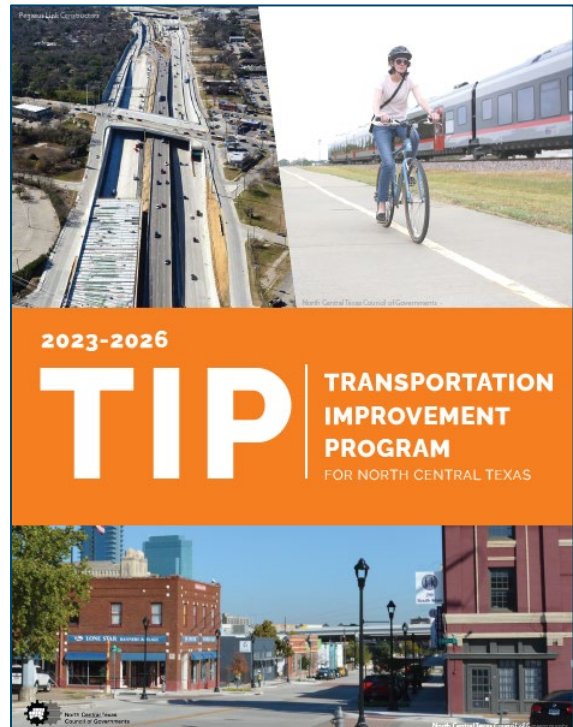


Appendix A

Federal Approval Letter

Once received, the letter from the US Department of Transportation approving the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program will be included in this Appendix.





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November 18, 2022

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Re: Joint Approval of FY 2023-2026 Statewide
Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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

Attention: Humberto Gonzalez Jr.

Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the TxDOT approved FY 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) submitted electronically on November 1, 2022. Supplemental information was provided to Federal Partners on October 3, and November 7, 2022 which identified projects let from the FY 2021-24 STIP. Supplemental information regarding the Development Authority clarifying and documenting assumptions was provided to the Federal Partners on November 5th. Additionally, discussions with TxDOT on November 17th resolved questions on the Category 3, non-traditional funding (local contributions) and available grouped project available funds shown as part of the Fiscal Constraint demonstration in the FY 2023-26 STIP. The updated documentation is available on the FY 2023-2026 eSTIP Portal. Based on material provided and the information noted above, the Federal Partners are satisfied that the FY 2023-2026 initial STIP is fiscally constrained.

Portions of the FY 2023-2026 STIP for the Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston-Galveston, San Antonio non-attainment/maintenance areas, and the Beaumont-Port Arthur orphan area have been reviewed for consistency with their currently conforming Transportation Plans. Based upon this review, we hereby find that the TIPs for these areas conform, except as otherwise noted in the enclosed project specific comments.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218, the FY 2023-2026 STIP includes the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) for each of Texas' Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). We jointly find that the State of Texas and its twenty-three MPOs have generally complied with the joint statewide and metropolitan planning regulations issued by FTA and FHWA pursuant to Title 23 United States Code (USC) Sections 134 and 135, and the Federal Transit Act under Title 49 USC, as certified within the STIP documentation.

Based upon our review and the attached Federal Planning Finding, the FY 2023-2026 STIP is hereby approved subject to the enclosed comments. Please note STIP approval for projects that are not federally funded is not intended to provide federal endorsement or action. The Federal partners look forward to continuing to work with TxDOT and Texas' MPOs on the successful implementation of this STIP. We thank TxDOT-TPP staff for their effort to complete the review and approval of the 2023-2026 STIP.

Please contact Ms. Lynn Hayes, FTA at (817) 978-0565, or Ms. Genevieve Bales, FHWA at (512) 536-5941 should you have any questions concerning this action.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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