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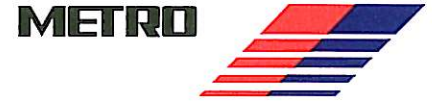
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October 30, 2007

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Mr. Alan C. Clark
MPO Director
Houston-Galveston Area Council
P. O. Box 22777
Houston, Texas 77227-2777

Re: Administrative TIP Amendment

Dear Mr. ^{ALAN}Clark:

This letter requests that you process an administrative amendment to the FY2008-2011 Transportation Improvement (TIP) to identify METRO's to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane project as a stand-alone project.

When submitting projects for inclusion in the 2035 *Metropolitan Plan*, METRO provided specific information for our High Occupancy Toll lanes project. This project will redesignate existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to High Occupancy Toll lanes. It has been modeled for air quality purposes, and is part of regional air quality improvements planned for the next several years. However, funding for the HOT lane project was not separately identified—it was simply included in the annual Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization TIP project.

As we have discussed the impacts of HOT lane project implementation with staff from local interested agencies, they have requested that, to clarify its status, the HOT lane project be separately identified as a "stand alone" project in the TIP. This letter requests that you process an administrative amendment to clarify the project's status in the TIP.

Please contact Edith Lowery, METRO Director of Grant Programs, if you have questions regarding our request. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,


John M. Sedlak
Executive Vice President

Xc: Edith Lowery, Director/Grant Programs
Miki Milovanovic, Director/Capital & Environmental Planning

ATTACHMENT 1

2008-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

District 12

Type of Modification: Administrative X TPC STIP Revision

Program: CMAQ STP TRANSIT X OTHER

Project Name: Fixed Guideway Modernization: HOT lane project

TIP Number: FY2006 = 11397

CSJ: None

TIP Number: FY2007 = 11487

Limits: N/A

Work: N/A

Amendment Number: 9

Requested Amendment: Split out METRO's High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane projects as a stand-alone projects in Appendix A - Progress from 2006-2008 TIP. The original details for the Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization (FGM) projects included the HOT lane conversion and therefore this change meets the public involvement requirements.

FY2006 PROGRAM	FTA \$	LOCAL \$	TOTAL \$
Original FGM MPO ID 11397	\$7,717,500	\$1,929,375	\$9,646,875
Add HOT lane project MPO ID 14497	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000
Amended FGM MPO ID 11397	\$8,313,655	\$2,078,414	\$10,392,069
FY2007 PROGRAM	FTA \$	LOCAL \$	TOTAL \$
Original FGM MPO ID 11487	\$6,847,000	\$1,711,750	\$8,558,750
Add HOT lane project MPO ID 14498	\$3,734,395	\$933,599	\$4,667,994
Amended FGM MPO ID 11487	\$5,696,000	\$1,424,000	\$7,120,000

Comments/Conditions: _____

Approved By:



Alan C. Clark
MPO Director
Houston-Galveston Area Council

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Carol W. Nixon, P.E.
Director/Transportation Planning
TxDOT, Houston District

ATTACHMENT 2

2008-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

District 12

Type of Modification: Administrative X TPC STIP Revision

Program: CMAQ STP TRANSIT X OTHER

Project Name: Fixed Guideway Modernization: HOT lane project

TIP Number: FY2008 = 11488

CSJ: None

TIP Number: FY2009 = 14367

Limits: N/A

Work: N/A

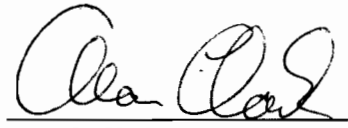
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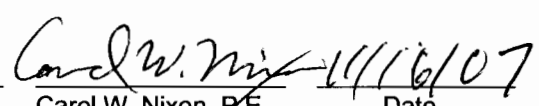
Requested Amendment: Split out METRO's High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane project as a stand-alone project within the overall Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization program. FY2008 and FY2009 annual estimates have been increased by 2% above the prior year's allocation.

FY2008 PROGRAM	FTA \$	LOCAL \$	TOTAL \$
Original FGM MPO ID 11488	\$9,430,000	\$2,357,500	\$11,787,500
Add HOT lane project MPO ID 14499	\$9,000,000	\$2,250,000	\$11,250,000
Amended FGM MPO ID 11488	\$619,000	\$154,750	\$773,750
FY2009 PROGRAM	FTA \$	LOCAL \$	TOTAL \$
Original FGM MPO ID 14367	\$9,430,000	\$2,357,500	\$11,787,500
Add HOT lane project MPO ID 14500	\$9,000,000	\$2,250,000	\$11,250,000
Amended FGM MPO ID 14367	\$811,000	\$202,750	\$1,013,750

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ATTACHMENT 3

2008-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

District 12

Type of Modification: Administrative X TPC STIP Revision

Program: CMAQ STP TRANSIT X OTHER

Project Name: Fixed Guideway Modernization: HOT lane project

TIP Number: FY2010 = 14368

CSJ: None

TIP Number: FY2011 = 14369

Limits: N/A

Work: N/A

Amendment Number: 9

Requested Amendment: Split out METRO's High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane project as a stand-alone project within the overall Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization program. FY2010 and FY2011 annual estimates have been increased by 2% above the prior year's allocation.

FY2010 PROGRAM	FTA \$	LOCAL \$	TOTAL \$
Original FGM MPO ID 14368	\$9,430,000	\$2,357,500	\$11,787,500
Add HOT lane project MPO ID 14501	\$9,000,000	\$2,250,000	\$11,250,000
Amended FGM MPO ID 14368	\$1,007,000	\$251,750	\$1,258,750
FY2011 PROGRAM	FTA \$	LOCAL \$	TOTAL \$
Original FGM MPO ID 14369	\$6,847,000	\$1,711,750	\$8,558,750
Add HOT lane project MPO ID 14502	\$10,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$12,500,000
Amended FGM MPO ID 14369	\$207,000	\$51,750	\$258,750

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