

# AGENDA ITEM VI - ACTION

February 3, 2010

## Category 3 (Urban Mobility) Projects

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently reviewed funding levels for projects submitted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) under the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTP). It was determined that funding level totals for categories 1 thru 12 are substantially less than the current federal FY 2010 Federal-aid apportionments. Thus, the STIP does not meet the federally mandated fiscal constraint.

Currently TxDOT is working on an updated Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) and its corresponding funding estimates. With US. Congressional discussions on an 18 month extension of current transportation bill authorization, it is anticipated that funding levels will remain static or decrease for at least the next two fiscal years. Funding discrepancies must be addressed in order for them to fall within the mandated fiscal constraint requirement.

In an effort to address this condition, TxDOT adjusted funding levels on a statewide basis for Category 3. The funding for the Sherman-Denison MPO totaled \$19,155,352 for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2020.

During a video teleconference on January 26, 2010, TxDOT asked the MPOs to provide them a list of projects that would meet their anticipated funding levels (see attachment). They are requesting the list be provided to Austin by February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### ***STAFF RECOMMENDATION:***

*That the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) review proposed projects, discuss possible changes (if needed) and approve for submittal to TxDOT.*

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- FHWA letter on TIP/MTP fiscal constraint
- Statewide Category 3 spreadsheet
- Draft Category 3 projects for Sherman-Denison