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Re: Amendment 12 to MAG 2015 - 2019
State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

Dear Mr. Omer:

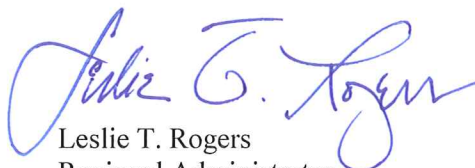
The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed your letter, dated January 28, 2015 requesting to amend the FY2015-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to amend the FY 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment as approved by the Maricopa Association of Governments on January 29, 2014.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). FMPO is in non-attainment and the changes made to the program by this amendment are either exempt or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination [40 CFR 93.126].

This letter constitutes FTA's approval of Amendment 12 of the Arizona FY 2015-2019 STIP. Our approval is based upon the Arizona Department of Transportation's assurance that the funding for the projects in this amendment will not adversely impact the STIP Financial Plan. Please note that this letter constitutes approval of the amendment with the understanding that FTA funding on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting the administrative and statutory requirements.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Dominique M. Paukowits, FTA Region XI Community Planner at 415-744-2735 or dominique.paukowits@dot.gov.

Sincerely,


Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

cc (by e-mail):

Ed Stillings, FHWA
Anson Gock, ADOT
Patrick Stone, ADOT, Local Government
Mike Normand, ADOT MPD
Teri Kennedy, MAG

January 28, 2015

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers
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RE: FY 2015-2019 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Amendment Number 12

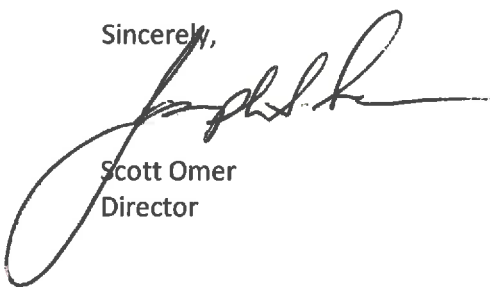
Dear Mr. Rogers:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment Number 7 (Table B) requested by the Maricopa Association of Government (MAG) as approved by its Regional Council on January 28, 2015 to amend the FY 2014 – 2018 MAG TIP. I cordially request Amendment Number 12 of the FY 2015-2019 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to reflect the changes.

This amendment is in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program, by this amendment, are either exempt or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determination [40 CFR §93.126]. The funding for the projects in this amendment will not adversely impact the STIP Financial Plan.

Your prompt approval of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Scott Omer
Director

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA
Mike Normand, ADOT Transit

Dominique Paukowits, FTA
Teri Kennedy, MAG

Attachments



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January 28, 2015

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Dear ~~Mr.~~ Omer:

The Maricopa Association of Governments' (MAG) Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 29, 2014, requires amendments and administrative project modifications listed as agenda item 5C and listed in Tables A and B that were approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 28, 2015. As the Governor's designee, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Multimodal Planning Division is responsible for approval of TIPs and TIP amendments in the State of Arizona. MAG requests your approval of the amendment and modification of the TIP, which is necessary to ensure the continuation of the projects involved. In addition to approval of the MAG TIP amendment and modification, we also request that Arizona Department of Transportation process the necessary amendment to the relevant STIP as soon as possible to meet the current federal fiscal year requirements.

The approved listings and administrative adjustment for the modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG TIP and the amendment to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) are included in the attached tables. This will be the seventh request to amend the FY 2014-2018 TIP. All of the above mentioned projects are regarded as either exempt for air quality purposes or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations. The conformity consultation process has concluded and the report will follow.

Your support and the assistance of your staff in ensuring the timely progression of these projects are appreciated. We look forward to a continuing close relationship with the State in meeting the transportation needs of our region. Please contact Teri Kennedy or me if you need any clarification regarding these amendments.

Sincerely,

Dennis Smith
Executive Director

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA
Dominique Paukowits, FTA
Anson Gock, ADOT

Bret Anderson, ADOT
Denise Scafide, ADOT
Patrick Stone, ADOT

----- A Voluntary Association of Local Governments in the Maricopa Region -----

City of Apache Junction ▲ Arizona Department of Transportation ▲ City of Avondale ▲ Town of Buckeye ▲ Town of Carefree ▲ Town of Cave Creek ▲ City of Chandler ▲ Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
City of El Mirage ▲ Town of Florence ▲ Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation ▲ Town of Fountain Hills ▲ Town of Gila Bend ▲ Gila River Indian Community ▲ Town of Gilbert ▲ City of Glendale ▲ City of Goodyear
Town of Guadalupe ▲ City of Litchfield Park ▲ City of Maricopa ▲ Maricopa County ▲ City of Mesa ▲ Town of Paradise Valley ▲ City of Peoria ▲ City of Phoenix ▲ Pinal County ▲ Town of Queen Creek
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ▲ City of Scottsdale ▲ City of Surprise ▲ City of Tempe ▲ City of Tolleson ▲ Town of Wickenburg ▲ Town of Youngtown

**TABLE B: Requested amendments and administrative modifications to the
FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the 2035 Long Range Plan¹, TIP AMENDMENT #7**

#5C, approved by RC 1-28-2015

Sort: Section, Agency, Location, Work Year

TIP Amendment #7																				Revised			
Agency	Section	Work Year ⁴	TIP ID	MAG ID	Location	Work	Miles	Lanes Before	Lanes After	ALI	In Life Cycle Program ⁵	TRACS/Grant ID	MAG Mode	Funding	Apport Year ³	Federal	Regional	Local	Total	TIP Change Request	M	R	C
Valley Metro/RPTA	Transit	2018	VMT18-401T	27060	Regionwide	Purchase bus: standard 40 foot - 4 replace	0	0	0	11.12.01	No	---	Transit Bus	5307-AVN UZA	2018	2,023,000	357,000	-	2,380,000	Amend: Increase replacement buses from 1 to 4. Move up replacement bus purchases originally planned to be programmed in 2019/2020/2021. Federal and regional cost corrected subsequent to Management Committee review due to clerical error.			
Glendale	Transit	2015	GLN11-809T	42528	North of Union Hills Dr and West of 101L	Acquire right of way - regional park and ride (FY 2012 5309-FGM)	0	0	0	11.32.04	TLCP	---	Transit Bus	5309-FGM	2012	1,290,000	300,000	-	1,590,000	Amend: Defer from 2014 to 2015. Reduce cost from \$3,514,570/\$804,353 to \$1,200,000/\$300,000 due to lower land appraisal. Balance of funds reprogrammed to GLN15-405T. Update location and work description per agency request.			
Glendale	Transit	2015	GLN12-812T	42528	North of Union Hills Dr and West of 101L	Construct regional park and ride	0	0	0	11.33.04	TLCP	---	Transit Bus	5307	2013	3,105,612	776,403	-	3,882,015	Amend: Update location and work description per agency request. Defer from 2013 to 2015.			
Glendale	Transit	2015	GLN15-405T	42528	North of Union Hills Dr and West of 101L	Construct - regional park and ride (FY 2012 5309-FGM)	0	0	0	11.33.04	TLCP	---	Transit Bus	5309-FGM	2012	2,314,570	578,643	-	2,893,213	Amend: Add new workphase. ROW costs lower than originally programmed. Balance of funds from GLN11-809T moved to construction. Increase regional match from \$504,343 to \$578,643.			

Notes

1. Rows in the report are sorted in order by the following columns: Section, Agency, Year and TIP ID. Changes are in red font. Deletions are shown in strike through font.
2. The following are used to indicate MAG Committees reviewing these TIP listings for amendment: TRC = Transportation Committee, MC = Management Committee, TPC = Transportation Review Committee, RC = Regional Council
3. The year the funds were apportioned by Congress. This item is included only for informational purposes.
4. For federal projects this is the year the project will authorize. For transit this is the year the project will appear in a grant.
5. Life Cycle Programs:

6. Changes are in red font. Deletions are shown in strike through font. Highlighted changes in yellow have been added subsequent to Management Committee review.