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(TRAP 37 - STIP)  
Arizona FY 2016-2019

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)  
Approval of Amendment No. 42

Mr. Michael Kies, Division Director  
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Arizona Department of Transportation, (300B)  
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Dear Mr. Kies:

We have reviewed your July 19, 2016 request to amend the FY 2016-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the FY 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program approved by the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council on June 22, 2016.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this STIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this action required a new conformity determination [40 CFR §93.126]. This conformity determination was made by the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration on July 11, 2016.

This letter constitutes approval and inclusion of Amendment 42 into the Arizona FY 2016-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (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.

Sincerely yours,

  
Leslie T. Rogers  
FTA Regional Administrator

  
Karla S. Petty  
FHWA Division Administrator

Enclosure

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July 19, 2016

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RE: FY 2016-2020 STIP, Amendment Number 42

Dear Ms. Petty & Mr. Rogers,

As the Governor's designee, I cordially request Amendment Number 42 of the FY 2016-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The project modifications are detailed in the attached document and were approved by the Maricopa Association of Governments' Regional Council on June 22, 2016.

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,



Michael Kies P.E.

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA  
Denise Scafide, ADOT MPD  
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Attachments

June 22, 2016

Mr. Michael Kies, P.E.  
Director, Multimodal Planning Division  
Arizona Department of Transportation  
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Dear Mr. Kies:

On June 22, 2016, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council approved amendments to the MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the April 2016 MAG Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Pursuant to federal regulation, and in accordance with the Governor's designation of authority for approval of TIPs to the Arizona Department of Transportation, we are transmitting a copy of the FY 2017-2021 MAG TIP for your approval. In addition to approval of the TIP, we also request that ADOT process the necessary amendment or addition to the relevant Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Your approval ensures the continuation of the projects in the TIP.

As part of the consultation process for approval of the conformity analysis on the above mentioned RTP amendments and TIP, a full set of the respective documents has been transmitted to your office under a separate cover. 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 the MAG TIP, the RTP amendments or the April 2016 Conformity Analysis.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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