



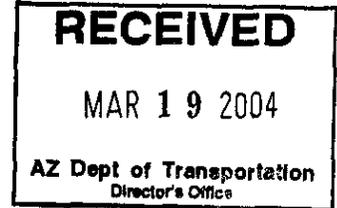
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re: Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 04-06 Statewide Transportation
Improvement Program Amendment 5

Dear Mr. Mendez:

Thank you for your letter, dated February 17, 2004, approving the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization transit amendment. It adds Transit Element projects for funding by the Federal Transit Administration. The projects are administration, vehicles, equipment, operating assistance and planning.

The amendment was developed by a process in accord with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 53. Transit Element projects are exempt from air quality conformity determination. Our finding was coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes approval of the amendment of the Transit Element in the Arizona Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements.

If you have questions about our review, please call Mr. Hymie Luden, City and Regional Planner, at (415) 744-3115.

Sincerely

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