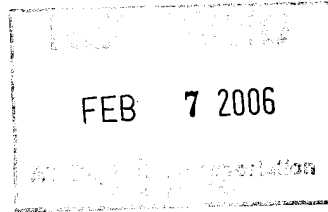




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Arizona FY 2005-2007  
Statewide Transportation Program (STIP)  
Approval of Amendment No. 15

Mr. Victor M. Mendez, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation, (100A)  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Mendez:

We have reviewed your January 10, 2006 request to amend the FY 2005-2007 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include three projects that were approved by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council on December 14, 2005. The projects were transmitted to ADOT in MAG's December 15 letter as Table One A. The three projects contained in Table One A are City of Phoenix, 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue at McDowell Road safety improvements; City of Phoenix, West McDowell Road Pedestrian Bridge design and City of Scottsdale, Arizona Canal (Sun Circle Trail) trail enhancement project.

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 amendment are either exempt or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations [40 CFR §93.126].

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of Amendment 15 into the Arizona FY 2005-2007 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Our approval is based upon the Arizona Department of Transportation's assurance that the funding for the project in this amendment will not adversely impact the STIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,

Edward S. Stillings  
Engineering Development Coordinator





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RE: FY 2005-2007 STIP, Amendment Number 15

Dear Mr. Hollis:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the action taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council on December 14, 2005, to amend the MAG FY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 15 of the FY 2005-2007 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the projects listed on the attached sheet, under "Table One A" only.

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 exempt from the requirements that a conformity determination be performed. The funding for these projects is already within the approved STIP Financial Plan and therefore does not adversely impact the STIP Financial Plan.

Your prompt approval of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor M. Mendez", is written over a light-colored background.

Victor M. Mendez

VMM/jrz

cc: Dale Buskirk  
Ed Stillings  
Dennis Smith  
Paul Ward  
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Attachment



2001 Award Recipient

December 15, 2005

Mr. Victor M. Mendez, P.E., Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation  
206 South 17th Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

*Victor*  
Dear Director Mendez:

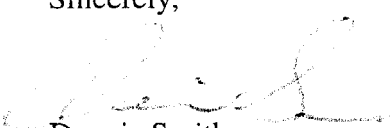
On December 14, 2005, the MAG Regional Council approved an amendment and an administrative adjustment to the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). As the Governor's designee for approval of TIPs and TIP amendments, we are requesting your approval of this amendment. We are also requesting that ADOT process the necessary amendment to the relevant Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Details of the administrative adjustment are being forwarded for information purposes and no action on your part is needed at this time.

Following approval of the TIP by the Regional Council on July 27, 2005, the TIP was approved by you, in a letter to the Federal Highway Administration, on November 28, 2005. Since approval of the TIP, two projects in Phoenix and one in Scottsdale have been identified that need to be added to the TIP and a TIP amendment is necessary to carry out these additions.

In addition to the amendment, there are several changes that can be accomplished by means of an administrative adjustment. These include: (1) several changes to the funding of Valley Metro transit projects; (2) the deferral of two projects in Tempe and one in Paradise Valley; (3) a change to the funding of an intersection project in Mesa; (4) the restructure of a project in Glendale to advance design a FY 2009 project in FY 2006; and (5) a change to the funding of an ADOT Santan freeway project. All of the above projects involved are regarded as exempt for air quality conformity analysis purposes, or the changes are regarded as minor changes for which conformity determinations are not required and the conformity consultations on these projects have all successfully concluded.

Your support and the assistance of your staff in ensuring the timely progression of these projects is much appreciated. We look forward to a continuing close relationship with the State in meeting the transportation needs of our region. Please contact me or Paul Ward at the MAG office if you need any clarification regarding this amendment.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis Smith  
Executive Director

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA;  
Hymie Luden, FTA;  
John Pein, ADOT TPD

A Voluntary Association of Local Governments in Maricopa County

**Table One A - Amendment to the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP for Highway Projects (Amendment Number 1)**  
**The listed projects DO NOT involve FTA funds, NOR the transfer of FHWA funds to FTA.**

Proj #	Agency	Description	FY	Status	Fund Type	Local Cost	Fed. Cost	Reg. Cost	Total Cost	Errata Reason
PHX06-604	Phoenix	35th Ave at McDowell Rd: Safety improvements, including installation of new street lighting	2006	New	STP-HES	\$7,098	\$117,420	\$0	\$124,518	Add new Safety project to FY 2006 with STP-HES funds
PHX06-605	Phoenix	3400 West McDowell Rd: Design pedestrian bridge	2006	New	HPP	\$40,000	\$660,000	\$0	\$700,000	Add new High Priority project to FY 2006 with HPP funds
SCT06-618	Scottsdale	Arizona Canal (Sun Circle Trail): Goldwater Blvd to Scottsdale Rd: Construct grade-separated trail connection along the Arizona Canal	2006	New	STP-TEA	\$386,000	\$364,000	\$0	\$750,000	Re-add Enhancement funded project to FY 2006 with \$364,000 STP-TEA funds
<b>Total added to (or deleted from) the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP:</b>						<b>\$433,098</b>	<b>\$1,141,420</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,574,518</b>	

**Table Two A - Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP for Highway Projects**  
**The listed projects DO NOT involve FTA funds, NOR the transfer of FHWA funds to FTA.**

Proj #	Agency	Description	FY	Status	Fund Type	Local Cost	Fed. Cost	Reg. Cost	Total Cost	Errata Reason
DOT09-698	ADOT	10: Loop 202 (Santan Fwy) to Riggs Rd: Widen freeway from 4 to 6 lanes, plus HOV lanes	2009	New	NHS	(\$2,394,000)	(\$39,606,000)	\$0	(\$42,000,000)	Delete this project with State Local match and replace with the following project.
DOT09-698R	ADOT	10: Loop 202 (Santan Fwy) to Riggs Rd: Widen freeway from 4 to 6 lanes, plus HOV lanes	2009	New	NHS	\$0	\$39,606,000	\$2,394,000	\$42,000,000	Replaces above project with a project that has RARF II as local match.
GLN08-606	Glendale	Glendale Sports Facilities: Installation of fiber optic cable and video detection cameras	2009	Deleted	CMAQ	(\$439,140)	(\$439,200)	\$0	(\$878,340)	Delete project and replace with advance design phase in FY 2006 and repayment and construction phases in FY 2009
GLN08-606D	Glendale	Glendale Sports Facilities: Advance design of fiber optic cable and video detection cameras	2006	New	Local	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	Add new advance design project in FY 2006 for repayment in FY 2009

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Proj #	Agency	Description	FY	Status	Fund Type	Local Cost	Fed. Cost	Reg. Cost	Total Cost	Errata Reason
GLN08-606DX	Glendale	Glendale Sports Facilities: Repayment of advance design of fiber optic cable and video detection cameras	2009	New	CMAQ	(\$120,000)	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	Add new repayment project in FY 2009 to repay advance design in FY 2006
GLN08-606C	Glendale	Glendale Sports Facilities: Installation of fiber optic cable and video detection cameras	2009	New	CMAQ	\$409,140	\$319,200	\$0	\$728,340	Add new construction phase in FY 2009 following break up of project into advance design and construction phases
MES110-09C	Mesa	Dobson Rd at Guadalupe Rd: Construct intersection improvement	2009	Deleted	CMAQ	(\$653,830)	\$0	(\$1,525,605)	(\$2,179,435)	Deleted CMAQ funded project and replace with following project
MES110-09CR	Mesa	Dobson Rd at Guadalupe Rd: Construct intersection improvement	2009	New	RARF II	\$653,830	\$0	\$1,525,605	\$2,179,435	Replace above CMAQ funded project with a RARF II funded project
PVY06-201C	Paradise Valley	Lincoln Dr: 32nd St to Invergordon Rd: Construct pedestrian path on south side of Lincoln Dr	2006	Deferred	CMAQ	\$80,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$480,000	Re-add to FY 2006 following deferral from FY 2005
TMP04-104	Tempe	Western Canal: Price Rd to Kiwanis Park - Phase 1: Design and construct multi-use path	2006	Deferred	CMAQ	\$300,000	\$1,250,000	\$0	\$1,550,000	Re-add to FY 2006 following deferral from FY 2005
TMP04-224	Tempe	Western Canal: Ken McDonald GC to Baseline Rd (phase 2): Construct multi-use path	2006	Deferred	CMAQ	\$400,000	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	Re-add to FY 2006 following deferral from FY 2005
<b>Total of Highway projects added to (or deleted from) the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP:</b>						<b>(\$1,614,000)</b>	<b>\$3,250,000</b>	<b>\$2,394,000</b>	<b>\$4,030,000</b>	

**Table Two B - Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP for Transit Projects**  
**The listed project ALL involve FTA funds, OR the transfer of FHWA funds to FTA.**

Proj #	Agency	Description	FY	Status	Fund Type	Local Cost	Fed. Cost	Reg. Cost	Total Cost	Errata Reason
PHX10-618T	Phoenix	Regionwide: Purchase bus: standard - 5 expand	2010	Deleted	Local	(\$2,140,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$2,140,000)	Delete this locally funded project with the following project
PHX10-618TR	Phoenix	Regionwide: Purchase bus: standard - 5 expand	2010	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$2,140,000	\$2,140,000	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
Various	Valley Metro	18 various transit projects	2006	Deleted	Local	(\$47,047,400)	\$0	\$0	(\$47,047,400)	Delete 18 locally funded projects and replace with the following 18 PTF funded projects
VMT06-603TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase bus: standard - 10 expand Articulated	2006	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$5,180,900	\$5,180,900	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT06-607TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase new fareboxes - 10 expand	2006	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$105,263	\$105,263	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT06-612TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase new radios/VMS - 10 expand	2006	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$127,490	\$127,490	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT07-618TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase bus: standard - 13 expand Articulated	2007	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$7,263,178	\$7,263,178	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT07-623TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase new fareboxes - 13 expand	2007	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$155,233	\$155,233	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT07-627TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase new radios/VMS - 13 expand	2007	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$170,716	\$170,716	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT08-632TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Acquire right of way and design regional transit center (4-bay)	2008	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$737,924	\$737,924	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT08-633TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Acquire right of way and design regional transit center (6-bay)	2008	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$1,106,886	\$1,106,886	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF

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**The listed project ALL involve FTA funds, OR the transfer of FHWA funds to FTA.**

Proj #	Agency	Description	FY	Status	Fund Type	Local Cost	Fed. Cost	Reg. Cost	Total Cost	Errata Reason
VMT09-643TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Construct regional transit center (4-bay)	2009	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$737,924	\$737,924	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT09-644TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Construct regional transit center (6-bay)	2009	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$1,106,886	\$1,106,886	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT09-646TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Install bus stop passenger improvements - 55 sites	2009	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$810,000	\$810,000	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT09-650TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase bus: commuter - 8 expand	2009	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$4,680,000	\$4,680,000	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT09-651TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase bus: standard - 19 (of 22) expand	2009	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$7,600,000	\$7,600,000	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT10-657TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Install bus stop passenger improvements - 55 sites	2010	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$810,000	\$810,000	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT10-658TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase bus: < 30 foot - 1 Expand (rural)	2010	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$70,000	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT10-662TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase bus: commuter - 26 expand	2010	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$11,700,000	\$11,700,000	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT10-663TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase bus: standard - 8 expand	2010	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
VMT10-665TR	Valley Metro	Regionwide: Purchase vanpools: 45 replace	2010	New	PTF	\$0	\$0	\$1,485,000	\$1,485,000	Change Fund Type from Local to PTF
<b>Total of transit projects added to (or deleted from) the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP:</b>						<b>(\$49,187,400)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$49,187,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	