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Arizona FY 2006-2008
Statewide Transportation Program (STIP)
Approval of Amendment No. 11

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

Dear Mr. Mendez:

We have reviewed your May 23, 2006 request to amend the FY 2006-2008 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the expenditure of \$200,000 in STP funds for the creation of the new Planning Department within the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG). The CAAG Regional Council approved an amendment to their TIP on November 16, 2005 to add this 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 11 into the Arizona FY 2006-2008 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

Edward S. Stillings
Engineering Development Coordinator

cc:

DBuskirk (300B), JPein (310B), LHarriger (320B)
HLuden (FTA)
NBanks, EStillings
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Mr. Robert Hollis
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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400 East Van Buren Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004-

RE: FY 2006-2008 STIP, Amendment Number 11

Dear Mr. Hollis:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the action take by the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) Executive Board on November 16, 2005, to amend the CAAG FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 11 of the FY 2006-2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the attached list of new project.

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 white background.

Victor M. Mendez

VMM/ih

cc: Bret Anderson
Debbie Mayfield

Attachments



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May 8, 2006

Arizona Department of Transportation
206 S. 17th Avenue
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Attn: Charlene Fitzgerald

Re: Budget Amendment to OWP

Dear Ms Fitzgerald,

On November 16, 2005, the CAAG Regional Council approved an amendment to the CAAG TIP authorizing the expenditure of \$200,000 of STP funds for the creation of our new Planning Department. This is a one-time expenditure of these funds and is a very important project for the entire CAAG Region.

We are requesting a TIP amendment to allow for the reimbursement of funds expended by CAAG for this new department.

Thank you for your help in this matter and feel free to contact Bill Leister should you have any questions or concerns. His number is 1-800-782-1445 or e-mail at bleister@caagcentral.org.

Sincerely

Maxine Leather
Executive Director

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