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FY06  
Transfer of CMAQ Funds to FTA

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

Dear Mr. Mendez:

We have reviewed Jim Dickey's August 30, 2006 request to transfer \$3,695,536 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ L400, Urban Code 033) funds and obligation authority to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for transit purposes in Maricopa County, Arizona. We have determined that this request is in compliance with the new procedures for transferring Federal Highway Administration funds to FTA under Section 104 of 23 U.S.C. and wish to offer our approval at this time.

By electronic copy of this letter to FHWA's Office of Financial Services, transfer of these funds will be initiated. If you have any questions in regards to this process, please call Ed Stillings at 602-379-3645, extension 109.

Sincerely,

**EDWARD S. STILLINGS**

Edward S. Stillings  
Engineering Development Coordinator

cc:

Sharon Brunson, HCF-20 w/enclosure sent via email  
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August 29, 2006

Jim Dickey  
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Bob Hollis, Division Administrator  
FHWA, Arizona Division  
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One Arizona Center, Ste. 410  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Dear Mr. Hollis,

On behalf of Director Mendez, per the request by Dennis Smith, Executive Director-MAG, attached and dated 8-23-06, I am requesting a transfer of the amount of \$3,695,536 in CMAQ funds—and the same amount in obligation authority—from the FHWA to the appropriate MAG account with the Federal Transit Administration. All the projects have been approved through the TIP and STIP processes. As a summary, these funds consist of:

<u>TIP#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Local Cost</u>	<u>Fed Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
RPT07-325TR	Construct intermodal transfer facilities—Implementing agency: Valley Metro	\$23,908	\$395,536	\$419,444
CHN05-501TR	Loop 202 (Santan Fwy) at Gilbert/Price Rds; design park and ride—Implementing agency: City of Chandler	\$75,000	\$300,000	\$375,000
VMR06-477TR	Fixed Guideway corridor; repayment of projects constructed in previous years—Implementing agency: Valley Metro Rail (VMR)	\$181,336	\$3,000,000	\$3,181,336
Total for Transfer of Funds (CMAQ-Flex)		\$280,244	\$3,695,536	\$3,975,780

Thank you for your prompt attention paid to this matter. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602-712-8137 or [jdickey@azdot.gov](mailto:jdickey@azdot.gov).

Sincerely,

Jim Dickey

**Approved for funding under APPN L400**

*Kip Dowdell* 8/30/06

Attachment

- cc. Victor Mendez
- Dennis Smith
- Ed Stillings
- Kip Dowdel
- Dianne Kre:

**Office of Resource Administration**

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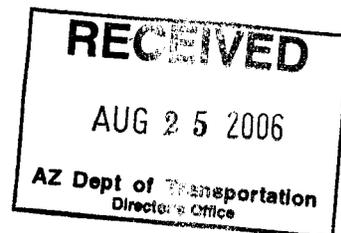


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August 24, 2006



Mr. Victor M. Mendez, P.E., Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation  
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Dear <sup>Victor</sup> Director Mendez:

On July 26, 2006, as part of their action to close out the Federal fiscal year, the MAG Regional Council identified three transit projects to receive FFY 2006 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds. This letter is to request that the Arizona Department of Transportation transfer \$3,695,536 in CMAQ funds, and the same amount of obligation authority, from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Details of the projects involved are shown in the attached table below and narratives describing the scope and purpose of the CMAQ projects concerned are also presented for your review and information. The transfer must be made so the obligation authority may be transferred from FHWA to FTA during the current fiscal year. All of the projects concerned are listed in the current TIP or have been approved as part of an approved TIP (and STIP) amendment.

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Your support and the assistance of your staff in ensuring the timely transfer of funds 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 request.

Sincerely,

Dennis Smith  
Executive Director

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA  
Hymie Luden, FTA  
Dave Boggs, RPTA  
Debbie Cotton, City of Phoenix  
Dianne Kresich, ADOT TPD

A Voluntary Association of Local Governments in Maricopa County

## PROJECT SUMMARY

### FISCAL YEAR 2006 FUNDS

**TITLE:** Construct Intermodal Transfer Facilities (RPT07-325TR)

**FEDERAL FUNDING:** \$395,536 (CMAQ-Flex)

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** Valley Metro

**DESCRIPTION:** Valley Metro is proposing construction of five regional transfer facilities in Mesa, Phoenix and Tempe. The transfer centers will be located along key points where several high use routes converge and will be near light rail stations to ease transfer between routes and the region's light rail line.

**BACKGROUND:** The transfer centers are identified in the Regional Transportation Plan as essential to support the regional bus system and facilitate transfers between bus routes and the minimum operating segment of the Central Phoenix East Valley Light Rail line currently under construction.

**IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE** The grant for the buses will be submitted through the Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S.C. §5307 grant process. The City of Phoenix is the designated recipient for these grant funds, and will submit the Grant application. The buses are expected to be ordered this year and delivered by the end of federal fiscal year 2008.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

### FISCAL YEAR 2006 FUNDS

**TITLE:** Design/Acquire Right of Way Park-and-Ride (Price/Loop 202)  
(CHN05-501TR)

**FEDERAL FUNDING:** \$300,000 (CMAQ-Flex)

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** Chandler

**DESCRIPTION:** The City of Chandler is proposing a regional park-and-ride near Price Road and the Loop 202 in Chandler. This park-and-ride is one of twenty park-and-rides identified by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) to support the regional express bus system, carpooling, and vanpooling.

**BACKGROUND:** This park-and-ride is one of twenty park-and-rides identified by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) to support the regional express bus system, carpooling, and vanpooling.

**IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE** The grant for design will be submitted through the Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S.C. §5307 grant process. The City of Phoenix is the designated recipient for these grant funds, and will submit the Grant application. Pre-design and environmental documents are expected to be complete by the end of federal fiscal year 2006.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

### FISCAL YEAR 2006 FUNDS

**TITLE:** Construct CPEV LRT Program (VMR06-477TR)

**FEDERAL FUNDING:** \$3,000,000 (CMAQ)

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:** Valley Metro Rail (VMR)

**DESCRIPTION:** This is a regional project funded by 50% FTA §5309 New Starts funds and no more than 35.3625% CMAQ funds and at least 16.6375% local funds. With this grant, funds will begin to support construction of the 20.3-mile Central Phoenix-East Valley minimum operating segment (MOS).

**BACKGROUND:** Previous grants included conceptual engineering, preparation of a Draft and Final EIS for a 25-mile light rail transit line in Phoenix, Tempe, and Mesa and funding for PE, PM and final design. The project has received a record of decision (ROD).

**IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE:** The grant for these funds will be submitted through the Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S.C. §5307 grant process. The City of Phoenix is the designated recipient for these grant funds, and will submit the grant application.