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In Reply Refer To:
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(727)
Arizona FY 2007-2011
Statewide Transportation Program (STIP)
Approval of Amendment No. 3

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


Dear Mr. Mendez:

We have reviewed your March 21, 2007 request to amend the FY 2007-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the two MAG TIP amendments approved by MAG Regional Council on September 27, 2006 and January 31, 2007. Copies of the project tables from these two amendments are enclosed.

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 3 into the Arizona FY 2007-2011 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 yours,


for Leslie T. Rogers
FTA Regional Administrator


Robert E. Hollis
FHWA Division Administrator

Enclosure

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March 21, 2007

Mr. Leslie Rodgers
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
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RE: FY 2007-2011 STIP, Amendment Number 3

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the actions taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council on September 27, 2006, and January 31, 2007, to amend the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 3 to the FY 2007-2011 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the projects listed on Table One and Table Two (attached).

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,

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Victor M. Mendez

VMM/lh

cc: Dennis Smith
Eileen Yazzie
Ed Stillings
Dale Buskirk

Don Mauller
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Hymie Luden
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Attachment



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Mr. Robert Hollis
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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RE: FY 2007-2011 STIP, Amendment Number 3

Dear Mr. Hollis:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the actions taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council on September 27, 2006, and January 31, 2007, to amend the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 3 to the FY 2007-2011 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the projects listed on Table One and Table Two (attached).

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,

Victor M. Mendez

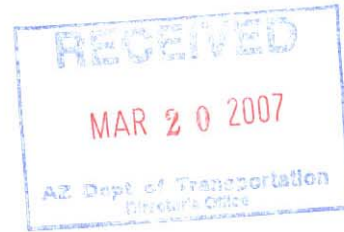
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March 14, 2007



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

Dear Director ^{Victor}Mendez:

On July 26, 2006, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). On September 27, 2006 and January 23, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved amendments and administrative adjustments involving several highway and transit projects in the region and details of these amendment are shown in the attached tables. As the Governor's designee for approval of TIP's and TIP amendments, we request your approval of the amendments, which are necessary to ensure the continuation of the projects involved. The administrative adjustments do not require your approval, but details are being sent for information purposes and further action, as appropriate. In addition to approval of the TIP amendments, we also request that ADOT process the necessary amendments to the relevant Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Following approval of the TIP by the Regional Council, in August, 2006, the City of Phoenix notified MAG that they had been allocated STP-HES funds for a project on Hatcher Road. In the same time frame, during the close out of federal fiscal year 2006, some projects in the previous TIP were not able to be authorized by the end of the fiscal year and needed to be deferred to the current fiscal year. In addition, the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department requested changes to several transit projects that require either TIP amendment or administrative adjustment actions to allow them to proceed. Accordingly, action was taken at the September 27, 2006 Regional Council meeting to address these issues.

The TIP was approved by you, in a letter to the Federal Highway Administration, on January 28, 2007. A few days later, at their January 31, 2007 meeting, the Regional Council approved a TIP amendment and administrative adjustment to authorize an exchange of federal and local funds for an Elderly Mobility Pilot Program and to initiate a new bus purchase project. At the same meeting, the Council approved an administrative adjustment to defer two park and ride projects from FY 2006 to FY 2007.

All of the above projects are regarded as either exempt for air quality purposes or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations. The conformity consultation process on these projects concluded on January 31, 2007, with no specific comments regarding the projects being received.

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 Eileen Yazzie at the MAG office if you need any clarification regarding these amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Smith', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Dennis Smith
Executive Director

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA;
Hymie Luden, FTA;
Diane Kresich, ADOT TPD

Table One (Amend) - Amendment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP for Highway Projects (Amendment 07-01H)
NONE of the listed projects involve FTA funds, nor the transfer of FHWA funds to FTA

Proj #	Agency	Description	FY	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost
Add the following new HES safety project to FY 2007:									
PHX07-738	Phoenix	Hatcher Rd: 19th Ave to Cave Creek Rd; Design and construct roadway safety improvements	2007	2	STP-HES	\$92,625	\$221,785	\$0	\$314,410
Totals Added To (or Deleted from) the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP:						\$92,625	\$221,785	\$0	\$314,410

Table One (Adjust) - Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP for Highway Projects (Admin Adjustment 07-01H)
NONE of the listed projects involve FTA funds, nor the transfer of FHWA funds to FTA

Proj #	Agency	Description	FY	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost
Replace the following three projects:									
TMP04-224	Tempe	Western Canal: Ken McDonald GC to Baseline Rd (phase 2); Construct multi-use path	2007	1.25	CMAQ	(\$400,000)	(\$1,600,000)	\$0	(\$2,000,000)
TMP04-104	Tempe	Western Canal: Price Rd to Kiwanis Park - Phase 1; Design and construct multi-use path	2007	2.5	CMAQ	(\$300,000)	(\$1,250,000)	\$0	(\$1,550,000)
TMP06-255	Tempe	Rural Rd: Guadalupe Rd to Ray Rd; Design and construct three pedestrian crossing refuges (phase 1)	2007	0	STP-MAG	(\$30,250)	(\$500,000)	\$0	(\$530,250)
With the following, combined project:									
TMP04-104R	Tempe	Western Canal: Price Rd to Baseline Rd (phases 1 and 2); Construct multi-use path	2007	3.75	CMAQ	\$6,250,000	\$3,350,000	\$0	\$9,600,000
Re-Add the following project, deferred from FY 2006 to FY 2007:									
PEO03-101	Peoria	Carefree Hwy: Lake Pleasant Rd to Beardsley Cnl; Pave dirt road	2007	.833	CMAQ	\$70,000	\$845,000	\$0	\$915,000
Make several cost increases to various existing arterial life cycle program projects:									
Various	Various	Various arterial life cycle program projects	2007-2011	Varies	Various	\$19,330,869	\$3,445,000	\$8,180,614	\$30,956,483
Totals Added To (or Deleted from) the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP:						\$24,920,619	\$4,290,000	\$8,180,614	\$37,391,233

Table Two (Amend) - Amendment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP for Transit Projects (Amendment 07-01T)
ALL of the listed projects involve FTA funds OR the transfer of FHWA funds to FTA

Proj #	Agency	Description	FY	Dist.	Funding	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Reg Cost	Total Cost
Add the following new CMAQ funded bus purchase:									
PHX07-308TR	Phoenix	Regionwide: Purchase bus: standard - 1 replace	2007	0	CMAQ	\$25,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$425,000
Add the following new projects to FY 2007:									
PHX07-715T	Phoenix	Bus digital video recorders	2007	0	5307	\$0	\$376,890	\$273,433	\$650,323
VMT07-721T	Valley Metro	Mid-life engine replacement/upgrade	2007	0	5307	\$0	\$1,111,435	\$277,859	\$1,389,294
AVN07-701T	Avondale	Citywide: Operating Assistance	2007	0	5307	\$0	\$958,078	\$958,078	\$1,916,156
PHX07-716T	Phoenix	Design Para-transit facility (Dial-A-Ride)	2007	0	5309	\$0	\$190,357	\$47,589	\$237,946
SCT07-702T	Scottsdale	Design and construct intermodal center	2007	0	5309	\$0	\$1,277,793	\$722,207	\$2,000,000
PHX07-717T	Phoenix	Purchase bus: standard - 5 expand	2007	0	5309	\$0	\$1,485,000	\$304,157	\$1,789,157
MMA07-701T	Maricopa County	Regionwide: Operating Assistance	2007	0	5316	\$0	\$1,293,611	\$1,293,611	\$2,587,222
PHX07-718T	Phoenix	Citywide: Program Administration	2007	0	5316	\$0	\$143,734	\$0	\$143,734
PHX07-719T	Phoenix	Citywide: Program Administration	2007	0	5317	\$0	\$81,625	\$0	\$81,625
Totals Added To (or Deleted From) the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP:						\$0	\$6,541,633	\$3,603,501	\$10,145,134

Table Two (Adjust) - Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP for Transit Projects (Admin Adjustment 07-01T)
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Proj #	Agency	Description	FY	Dist.	Funding	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Reg Cost	Total Cost
Replace the following STP-MAG funded project in FY 2007:									
MAG07-304	MAG	Regionwide; Elderly mobility pilot program	2007	0	STP-MAG	\$0	(\$400,000)	\$0	(\$400,000)
With the following Locally funded project:									
MAG07-304R	MAG	Regionwide; Elderly mobility pilot program e	2007	0	Local	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
Defer the following projects from FY2006 to FY2007:									
SCT05-204T	Scottsdale	Construct regional park-and-ride (Loop 101/Scottsdale)	2007	0	5307	\$0	\$2,253,629	\$563,407	\$2,817,036
MES06-207T	Mesa	Construct regional park-and-ride (Loop 202/Greenfield Rd)	2007	0	STP-AZ	\$0	\$2,321,238	\$580,309	\$2,901,547
PHX04-214TRX	Phoenix	Bell Rd at SR-51; Repayment of regional park-and-ride construction (SR-51/Bell Rd)	2007	0	STP-AZ	(\$1,725,989)	\$1,725,989	\$0	\$0
GDY05-203T	Goodyear	Litchfield Rd at I-10; Design regional park-and-ride (I-10/Litchfield Rd)	2007	0	STP-AZ	\$42,003	\$168,011	\$0	\$210,014
Replace the following FY 2006 project:									
VMT06-606T	Valley Metro	Purchase bus: standard - 7 replace	2006	0	5307	\$0	\$1,830,150	\$374,850	\$2,205,000
With a more expensive project in FY 2007									
VMT06-606TR	Valley Metro	Purchase bus: standard - 7 replace	2007	0	5307	\$0	\$2,440,200	\$499,800	\$2,940,000
Replace the following FY 2006 project:									
PHX01-902TR3	Phoenix	Construct west valley operations facility	2006	0	5309	\$0	(\$18,772,800)	(\$4,693,200)	(\$23,466,000)

Table Two (Adjust) - Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP for Transit Projects (Admin Adjustment 07-01T)
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Proj #	Agency	Description	FY	Dist.	Funding	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Reg Cost	Total Cost
With the following FY 2007 projects:									
PHX07-712T	Phoenix	Advance construct west valley operations facility	2007	0	5309	\$0	\$0	\$23,466,000	\$23,466,000
PHX07-713T	Phoenix	Repayment of Advance Construct West Valley Operations Facility	2007	0	5309	\$0	\$1,941,786	(\$1,941,786)	\$0
Replace the following FY 2006 project:									
TMP04-401TR3	Tempe	Construct East Valley Operations Facility (Phase 3 of 3)	2006	0	5309	\$0	(\$18,118,400)	(\$4,529,600)	(\$22,648,000)
With the following FY 2007 projects:									
TMP07-703T	Tempe	Advance Construct East Valley Operations Facility (Phase 3 of 3)	2007	0	5309	\$0	\$0	\$22,648,000	\$22,648,000
TMP07-704T	Tempe	Repayment of East Valley Operations Facility advance constructed in FY 2007	2007	0	5309	\$0	\$2,227,322	(\$2,227,322)	\$0
Replace the following FY 2006 construction project:									
PHX06-639T	Phoenix	Construct regional heavy maintenance facility	2006	0	5309	\$0	(\$24,064,000)	(\$6,016,000)	(\$30,080,000)
With the following FY 2007 design project:									
PHX07-714T	Phoenix	Design regional heavy maintenance facility	2007	0	5309	\$0	\$190,357	\$47,589	\$237,946
Totals Added To (or Deleted From) the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP:						(\$1,683,986)	(\$45,856,518)	\$28,772,047	(\$18,768,457)