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In Reply Refer To:
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(727)
Arizona FY 2008-2011
Statewide Transportation Program (STIP)
Approval of Amendment No. 5

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

Dear Mr. Mendez:

We have reviewed your February 11, 2008 request to amend the FY 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the MAG TIP amendment approved by MAG Regional Council on January 30, 2008. The tables of projects are enclosed (Table A, Table B and Table C).

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]. The conformity consultation process on these projects concluded on January 30, 2008.

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of Amendment 5 into the Arizona FY 2008 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,

Leslie T. Rogers
FTA Regional Administrator
Enclosures

for
Robert E. Hollis
FHWA Division Administrator

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February 11, 2008

Mr. Leslie Rodgers
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
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RE: FY 2008-2011 STIP, Amendment Number 5

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the action taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council on January 30, 2008, to amend the MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 5 to the FY 2008-2011 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the projects listed in tables A thru C (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 either exempt or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations [40 CFR §93.126]. The funding for the projects in this amendment will not adversely impact the STIP Financial Plan.

Your prompt approval of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Victor M. Mendez

VMM/lh

cc: Dennis Smith Don Mauller
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Attachment



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Mr. Robert Hollis
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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Phoenix, AZ 85004-2285

RE: FY 2008-2011 STIP, Amendment Number 5

Dear Mr. Hollis:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the action taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council on January 30, 2008, to amend the MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 5 to the FY 2008-2011 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the projects listed in tables A thru C (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 either exempt or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations [40 CFR §93.126]. The funding for the projects in this amendment will 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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January 31, 2008

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



Dear ^{Victor} Director Mendez:

On July 25, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). On January 30, 2008 the MAG Regional Council approved amendments and administrative modifications involving several highway and transit projects in the region. Details of these changes 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. In addition to approval of the TIP amendments, we also request that ADOT process the necessary amendments to the relevant Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

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 30, 2008, 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,



Dennis Smith
Executive Director

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA;
Hymie Luden, FTA;
Diane Kresich, ADOT TPD
John Dickson, ADOT Local Governments

PROJECT CHANGE SHEET for MAG 2008-2012 TIP
Approved at MAG Regional Council, January 30, 2008

Table A Highway Projects - TIP FY2008-2012 Amendments & Administrative Modifications											
PROJ #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change
DCT06-252	ADOT	85: MP 130.71 to MP 137.00	Reconstruct roadway	2008	6.29	NHS	\$ 7,291,300	\$ 19,708,700	\$ -	\$ 27,000,000	Admin. Modification - Cost increase by \$6.1 million.
DCT08-670	ADOT	60 (Supersition Fwy): I-10 to Loop 101 (Pima/Price Fwy)	Design general purpose lanes	2008	4.5	State	\$ 2,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200,000	Admin. Modification - Increase State/Local funds from \$1.6 mill to \$2.2 mill
DCT08-674	ADOT	101 (Price Fwy): Loop 202 (Red Mountain Fwy) to Baseline Rd	Construct HOV lanes	2008	4	CMAQ	\$ 17,100,000	\$ 4,900,000	\$ -	\$ 22,000,000	Amendment - Delete project and combine project and funds funds to DOT10-6C33B.
DCT08-833	ADOT	101 (Pima Fwy): I-17 to SR-51 (Piestewa Fwy)	Design and construct FMS	2008	6	CMAQ	\$ 600,000	\$ 4,900,000	\$ -	\$ 5,500,000	Admin. Modification - Changed funding sources and amounts.
DCT10-6C33B	ADOT	101 (Price Fwy): Loop 202 (Red Mountain Fwy) to Loop 202 (Santa Fwy)	Construct HOV lanes (State funds)	2008	9.7	State	\$ 52,600,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,600,000	Admin. Modification - Combines scope and funds from deleted DOT08-674 project.
DCT08-841	ADOT	Freeways in MAG Region	Posting travel times on Dynamic Message Signs	2008		RARF, State	\$ 120,000		\$ 300,000	\$ 420,000	Amendment - Add new freeway project
AVN08-812	Avondale	Citywide	Bike and pedestrian Education Program	2008		STP-TEA	\$ 684	\$ 11,316	\$ -	\$ 12,000	Amendment - Add new Transportation Enhancement Project
GLN08-802	Glendale	Grand Canal in west Glendale, from Loop 101 to New River	Construct a 1.5-mile multi-use pathway	2010	1.5	STP-TEA	\$ 837,825	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,337,825	Amendment - Add new Transportation Enhancement Project
PHX08-872	Phoenix	Indian School & 67th Avenue	Design, Construction of Streetslights & Busbay	2008		STP-HES	\$ 188,662	\$ 415,000	\$ -	\$ 603,662	Amendment - Add new STP-Hazard Elimination Safety Project
PHX08-873	Phoenix	McDowell Road & 43rd Avenue	Design, Constructon of Busbay and Streetlights	2008		STP-HES	\$ 186,116	\$ 546,952	\$ -	\$ 733,068	Amendment - Add new STP-Hazard Elimination Safety Project
PHX08-874	Phoenix	McDowell Road & 35th Avenue	Design, Install Streetlights	2008		STP-HES	\$ 4,518	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ 124,518	Amendment - Add new STP-Hazard Elimination Safety Project
PHX08-875	Phoenix	Western Canal west of 24th Street	Design Construction Pedestrian Bridge	2008		STP-TEA	\$ 118,335	\$ 491,151	\$ -	\$ 609,486	Amendment - Add new Transportation Enhancement Project
PHX10-842	Phoenix	McDowell Road & 32nd Street	Intersection Improvement including Streetlights, Busbay & Building Removal	2009		STP-HES	\$ 1,085,125	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,585,125	Amendment - Add new STP-Hazard Elimination Safety Project

**Table B
Transit Projects - TIP FY2008-2012 Administrative Modification**

PROJ #	Agency	FTA ALI #	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change
TMP08-629	Tempe	Downtown Tempe Transit Center	Design and construct a bicycle station	2008		STP-TEA	\$ 82,837	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 582,837	Change project classification from FHWA-Highway to FTA-Transit
TMP08-603	Tempe	Downtown Tempe	Construct Traffic Management Center	2008		CMAQ-Flex	\$ 437,500	\$ 510,000	\$ -	\$ 947,500	Change project classification from FHWA-Highway to FTA-Transit

**Table C
Material Cost Change to the ADOT Program**

PROJ #	Agency	FTA ALI #	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change
DOT08-252	ADOT	85: MP 130.71 to MP 137.00	Reconstruct roadway	2008	6.29	NHS	\$ 7,291,300	\$ 19,700,700	\$ -	\$ 27,000,000	Cost increase by \$6.1 million.

A.R.S. 28-6353 requires that MAG approve any change in priorities, new projects, or requests for changes that would materially increase Freeway Program costs. According to the MAG Material Cost Change policy, a material cost change is defined as: 'An increase in the cost of a project that is more than five (5) percent of the adopted project budget, but not less than \$500,000 or any increase greater than \$2.5 million.'