



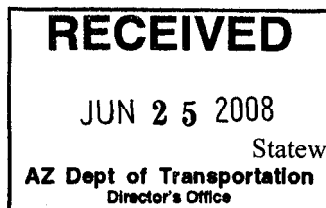
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Arizona FY 2008-2011
Statewide Transportation Program (STIP)
Approval of Amendment No. 17

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

Dear Mr. Mendez:

We have reviewed your May 8, 2008 request to amend the FY 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the enclosed table of projects which was approved by the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council on April 23, 2008. MAG also plans to add the Valley Metro projects to their Work Plan by future amendment.

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 17 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,

Edward S. Stillings
Engineering Development Coordinator

Enclosure

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May 8, 2008

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RE: FY 2008-2011 STIP, Amendment Number 17

Dear Mr. Hollis:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the action taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council on April 23, 2008, to amend the MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 17 to the FY 2008-2011 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the projects listed in Table A (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/h

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Attachment



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April 29, 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 April 23, 2008 the MAG Regional Council approved amendments and administrative modifications involving highway, bicycle, and enhancement projects. Details of these changes are shown in the attached table. 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 April 23, 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;
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PROJECT CHANGE SHEET
Approved at MAG Regional Council April 23, 2008

Table A
Highway Projects - TIP FY2008-2012 Amendments & Administrative Modifications

Project #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change
DOT08-751	ADOT	I-17 at Dove Valley Rd	Advance construct new T1 (City Advancement)	2009	0.4	Local Govt	\$ 26,500,000			\$ 26,500,000	Admin Mod: Increase budget by \$9.9 million and defer project from 08 to 09.
DOT08-692	ADOT	MAG Regionwide	Preliminary Engineering (Management Consultant, 30% Plans Design)	2008	n/a	RARF			\$ 23,800,000	\$ 23,800,000	Admin. Mod: Increase budget by \$1.6 million.
DOT08-842	ADOT	MAG Regionwide	Noise reduction Study within Maricopa County	2008	n/a	RARF			\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	Amend: Create a new noise mitigation study project
CHN12-805	Chandler	Chandler Blvd at Price Rd/Loop 101 (Pima Fwy) TI	Extend bicycle lane through the interchange (phase 2). Provide additional westbound left turn at the intersection for dual effs.	2012	0.5	CMAQ	\$ 1,888,111	\$ 938,889	-	\$ 2,827,000	Modify the project description, local costs, and total costs, an increase of \$1,485,730 to reflect the inclusion of an additional turn lane.
TMP08-602	Tempe	College Ave: Superstition Freeway (US 60) to Apache Boulevard	Design and construct pedestrian and bicycle facilities.	2008	2	CMAQ	\$ 951,000	\$ 2,550,000		\$ 3,501,000	Admin Mod: Repackage project. Location is expanded, and project total costs increased by \$1,001,000 to include TMP07-303.
TMP07-303	Tempe	College Ave: Alameca Dr to Superstition Fwy	Improve pedestrian facilities (phase 1 of 2)	2008	1	CMAQ	\$ 201,000	\$ 800,000		\$ 1,001,000	Amend: Delete project. Repackage with TMP08-602
VMTT08-828T	Valley Metro	Regional	The Regional Safe Routes to School Support Center Project	2008	n/a	STP-TEA	\$ 27,412	\$ 45,550		\$ 72,962	Amend: ADOT awarded Transportation Enhancement Round 15 - grant dollars November 2007
VMTT09-807T	Valley Metro	Regional	The Regional Safe Routes to School Support Center Project	2009	n/a	STP-TEA		\$ 208,686		\$ 208,686	Amend: ADOT awarded Transportation Enhancement Round 15 - grant dollars November 2007
VMTT0-811T	Valley Metro	Regional	The Regional Safe Routes to School Support Center Project	2010	n/a	STP-TEA		\$ 143,629		\$ 143,629	Amend: ADOT awarded Transportation Enhancement Round 15 - grant dollars November 2007
VMTT08-828T	Valley Metro	Regional	Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Education Program	2008	n/a	STP-TEA	\$ 31,712	\$ 53,086		\$ 87,798	Amend: ADOT awarded Transportation Enhancement Round 15 - grant dollars November 2007
VMTT09-808T	Valley Metro	Regional	Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Education Program	2009	n/a	STP-TEA		\$ 238,419		\$ 238,419	Amend: ADOT awarded Transportation Enhancement Round 15 - grant dollars November 2007
VMTT10-812T	Valley Metro	Regional	Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Education Program	2010	n/a	STP-TEA		\$ 180,495		\$ 180,495	Amend: ADOT awarded Transportation Enhancement Round 15 - grant dollars November 2007