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Arizona FY 2010-2013
Statewide Transportation Program (STIP)
Approval of Amendment No. 15

Mr. John S. Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation, (100A)
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Halikowski:

We have reviewed Ms. Toth's March 11, 2010 request to amend the FY 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the enclosed table of projects approved by the Maricopa Association of Governments Executive Director as an Administrative Modification on March 10, 2010.

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 15 into the Arizona FY 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Our approval is based upon the Arizona Department of Transportation's assurance that the funding for the projects in this amendment will not adversely impact the STIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely yours,

Edward S. Stillings
Engineering Development Coordinator

Enclosure





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March 11, 2010

Mr. Robert Hollis
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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RE: FY 2010-2013 STIP, Amendment Number 15

Dear Mr. Hollis:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the action taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), to amend the MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 15 of the FY 2010-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the attached list of project modifications.

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 determination [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,

Jennifer Toth

cc: Ed Stillings Don Mauller
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Attachment



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March 10, 2010

Mr. John Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation
206 South 17th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. ^{John}Halikowski:

The federal guidance for Statewide Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning; Final Rule provides direction on how to program, amend, and administratively modify the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan, which is known as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in our region. The federal guidance defines an administrative modification as: "a minor revision to a long-range statewide or metropolitan transportation plan, TIP, or Statewide TIP (STIP) that includes minor changes to project/project phase costs, minor changes to funding sources of previously-included projects, and minor changes to project/project phase initiation dates. An administrative modification is a revision that does not require public review and comment, a redemonstration of fiscal constraint, or a conformity determination (in nonattainment and maintenance areas)."

On December 9, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the MAG Executive Director to approve and transmit to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as appropriate, administrative modifications to the MAG Transportation Improvement Program that include the following four types of changes:

- 1) Revisions to project description (clarifying how project is described in the TIP not amending the scope)
- 2) Changes in the sources of funding for a project
- 3) Combining/Splitting projects
- 4) Cost decreases

On July 25, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project changes in the attached table are all administrative modifications to current projects in the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP. These administrative modification include highway projects programmed with ARRA, RARF and STP-MAG funds in the MAG region. As the Governor's designee for approval of TIPs and TIP modifications, we request your expeditious approval of the modifications of the TIP, which are necessary to ensure the continuation of the projects involved. In addition to approval of the TIP modifications, we also request that ADOT process the necessary changes to the relevant Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as soon as possible.

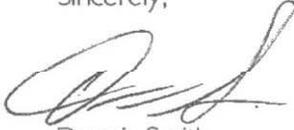
Your support and the assistance of your staff in ensuring the timely progression of these projects are much appreciated. We look forward to a continuing close relationship with the State in meeting the

A Voluntary Association of Local Governments in Maricopa County

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transportation needs of our region. Please contact me or Roger Herzog at the MAG office if you need any clarification regarding these amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Dennis Smith
Executive Director

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA;
Jerome Wiggins, GTA
John McGee, ADOT MPD
John Dickson, ADOT Local Governments
Lupe Harriger, ADOT MPD

**Administrative Modification to the 2008 -2012 MAG TIP
March 10, 2010**

| TIP ID | Agency | Project Location | Project Description | Fiscal Year (Work) | Length | Fund Type | Local Cost | ARRA | Federal Cost | Regional Cost | Total Cost | Requested Change |
|--------------|---------|--|---|--------------------|--------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| GLB08-733D | Gilbert | Power Rd at Pecos Rd | Design intersection improvements | 2008 | 0.8 | RARF | \$ 28,401 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 66,269 | \$ 94,670 | Decreased design costs by \$1,004,495 |
| GLB08-734RW | Gilbert | Power Rd at Pecos Rd | Acquisition of right-of-way for intersection improvements | 2008 | 0.8 | RARF | \$ 60,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 140,000 | \$ 200,000 | Decreased right-of-way costs by \$1,095,202 |
| GLB08-733C | Gilbert | Power Rd at Pecos Rd | Construct intersection improvements | 2009 | 0.8 | RARF | \$ 2,146,319 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,008,077 | \$ 7,154,397 | Decreased construction costs by \$1,725,581 |
| PEO100-07AC1 | Peoria | Beardsley Rd Connection: Loop 101 (Agua Fria Fwy) to 83rd Ave/Lake Peasant Parkway | Advance construct Beardsley Road extension and bridge over New River | 2010 | | ARRA; STP-MAG | \$ 370,247 | \$ 1,423,712 | \$ 6,125,315 | \$ - | \$ 7,919,274 | Decreased Local Cost by \$34,515. Decreased ARRA Funding by \$466,195. Increased Federal Cost by \$500,710. |
| DOT12-840 | Peoria | Loop 101 (Agua Fria Fwy) at Beardsley Rd/Union Hills Cr | Construct traffic Interchange | 2010 | 0.2 | ARRA | \$ 655,870 | \$ 5,667,374 | \$ 10,850,613 | \$ - | \$ 17,173,860 | Cost excludes \$3,963 of expenditures to be paid by APS. Total Cost with APS expenditures is \$17,177,823. |
| PEO09-801 | Peoria | Various Locations | Pavement Preservation: Major arterial mill, overlay, and re-stripping | 2010 | 4.7 | ARRA | \$ - | \$ 2,200,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,200,000 | Decreased Project Cost and ARRA funding by \$319,402. |
| DOT10-845 | ADOT | Loop 101 at Olive Avenue | TI improvements construction project | 2010 | 0.3 | ARRA | \$ - | \$ 2,172,402 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,172,402 | Reduced Local Cost by \$291,395. |