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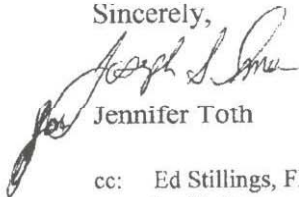
RE: Transfer of FY 2009 CMAQ from FHWA to FTA

Dear Mr. Hollis,

On behalf of Director Halikowski, per the request brought forth by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) on August 9, 2010, I am requesting the transfer of \$18,976,210 in FY 2009 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds from the Federal Highway Administration to the Federal Transit Administration to be made available to the City of Phoenix as the designated recipient for the urbanized area. The project #PHX10-841 *Purchase bus: Standard 40 feet 15 replace* was approved through the 2008-2012 STIP, and projects #VMR10-703TR2 *Fixed guideway corridor- Central Mesa - Preliminary Eng/FEIS* and #VMR10-704T *Fixed guideway corridor - Tempe South - Preliminary Eng/FEIS* were approved in the 2010 STIP amendment #48. A 2010 STIP amendment #60 updates the use of the CMAQ funding in the three projects as listed in the attached Project Summary page from MAG.

Thank you for your prompt attention paid to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Teri Kennedy at (602) 712-8239 or by email at [tkennedy@azdot.gov](mailto:tkennedy@azdot.gov).

Sincerely,



Jennifer Toth

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**Subject:** CMAQ Transfer Request - FY 2010  
**Attachments:** MAG CMAQ Transfer Request Letter to ADOT 8-9-10.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find the attached transfer request for CMAQ FY 2010 dollars. There are 3 transit projects in the current TIP and STIP that have \$18,976,210 of CMAQ funding. This amount needs to be flexed from FHWA to FTA. We would like this transfer to happen prior to the close of year end 2010.

Please let me know if there are any questions or more information is needed about the projects. A hard copy will follow in the mail.

Thanks,

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August 9, 2010

Mr. John Halikowski, Director  
Arizona Department of Transportation  
206 South 17th Avenue  
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*Jan T. Hall  
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Dear Director Halikowski:

This letter is to request that the Arizona Department of Transportation effectuate the transfer of FY 2009 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) obligation authority. The MAG Regional Council has approved an allocation of \$18,976,210 CMAQ funds for transit projects for FY 2010.

Details of the projects involved are shown in the attached table and a narrative 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 2010. All of the projects concerned are listed in the current TIP or have been approved as part of an approved TIP (and STIP) amendment.

Your support and the assistance of your staff in ensuring the timely transfer of funds is much appreciated. Please contact me or Eileen Yazzie at the MAG office if you need any clarification regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Dennis Smith  
Executive Director

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA  
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Mike Normand, ADOT  
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Debbie Cotton, City of Phoenix

PROJECT SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2010 CMAQ FUNDS

TIP #	Location	Work Description	Federal CMAQ Funds	Regional Funds	Total Project Costs	TIP/STIP Approval
PHX10-841T	Regionwide	Purchase bus: standard 40 foot - 15 replace	\$ 6,250,210	\$ 924,905	\$ 7,175,115	Approved as part of the initial 2008-2012 MAG TIP
VMR10-703TR2	Main Street Corridor	Fixed guideway corridor - Central Mesa - Preliminary Engineering/FEIS	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	Modification to project costs approved in STIP Amendment #48
VMR10-704T	Tempe	Fixed guideway corridor - Tempe South - Preliminary Engineering/FEIS	\$ 2,726,000	\$ 681,500	\$ 3,407,500	Modification to project costs approved in STIP Amendment #48
		<b>Total CMAQ Transfer Request - FY2010</b>	<b>\$ 18,976,210</b>	<b>\$ 4,106,405</b>	<b>\$ 23,082,615</b>	

PROJECT SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2010 FUNDS

TITLE: PHX10-841T: Purchase Bus: Standard 40 Foot - 15 Replace

FEDERAL FUNDING: \$6,250,210 (CMAQ)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: City of Phoenix

DESCRIPTION: The City of Phoenix proposes to purchase fifteen accessible buses for replacement for regional fixed route service. The vehicles will be powered with EPA certified heavy duty low polluting engines.

BACKGROUND: The buses will be added to the current bus fleet replacing older buses to provide for continuing and improved service throughout the region utilizing cleaner burning fuels.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE: The grant for the buses will be submitted through the Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S.C. 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 next fiscal year and delivered by the end of federal fiscal year 2012.

PROJECT SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2010 FUNDS

TITLE: VMR10-703TR2: Fixed Guideway Corridor – Central Mesa – Preliminary Engineering/FEIS

FEDERAL FUNDING: \$10,000,000 (CMAQ)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: METRO - Valley Metro Rail (VMR)

DESCRIPTION: METRO proposes to undertake project development (design) and final environmental assessment activities associated with the Central Mesa LRT Extension. Located in Mesa, Arizona, the Central Mesa LRT Extension is a 3.1-mile extension extending east along Main Street from the METRO light rail starter line at Sycamore & Main Street through Downtown Mesa to Mesa Drive.

BACKGROUND: The existing 20-mile METRO light rail starter line began service in December 2008. Rail operation currently ends at Sycamore Main Street in west Mesa with BRT style bus service continuing east on Main Street, through downtown Mesa and south on Power Road to Superstitions Springs Mall. The Central Mesa LRT Extension is included in the Regional Transportation Plan and the Alternatives Analysis has recently been completed.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE: The grant will be submitted through the Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S.C. grant process. The City of Phoenix is the designated recipient for these grant funds, and will submit the Grant application. The design and final environmental assessment activities are scheduled to be complete by the end of federal fiscal year 2012.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

### FISCAL YEAR 2010 FUNDS

**TITLE:** VMR10-704T: Fixed Guideway Corridor – Tempe South – Preliminary Engineering/FEIS

**FEDERAL FUNDING:** \$2,726,000 (CMAQ)

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

**DESCRIPTION:** METRO proposes to undertake project development (design) and final environmental assessment activities associated with the Tempe South Corridor. Located in Tempe, Arizona, the Tempe South Corridor study has evaluated 11 options in four north-south alignments from the light rail starter line. The two highest-performing high-capacity transit options coming out of this study are Mill Avenue Modern Streetcar and Rural Road Bus Rapid Transit. The locally preferred alternative will be adopted in fall 2010.

**BACKGROUND:** The existing 20-mile METRO light rail starter line began service in December 2008. Rail operation currently includes nine stations in the City of Tempe, with local bus service connections at each station. The Tempe South Corridor is included in the Regional Transportation Plan.

**IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE:** The grant will be submitted through the Federal Transit Administration 49 U.S.C. grant process. The City of Phoenix is the designated recipient for these grant funds, and will submit the Grant application. The design and final environmental assessment activities are scheduled to be complete by the end of federal fiscal year 2013.