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Re: Arizona Department of Transportation  
(ADOT) FY 2010-2013 STIP Amendment  
Number 61

Dear Ms. Toth:

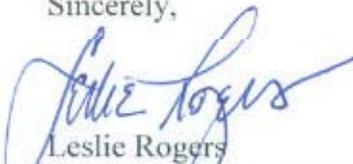
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If you have questions about our review, please call Mr. Jerome G. Wiggins, at (415) 744-2819.

Sincerely,

  
Leslie Rogers  
Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Ed Stillings, FHWA Phoenix



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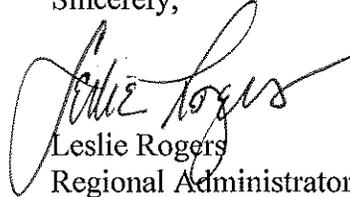
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August 11, 2010

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RE: FY 2010-2013 STIP, Amendment Number 61

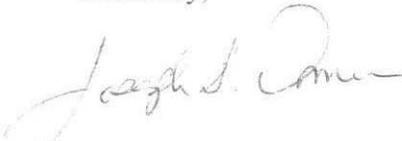
Dear Mr. Rogers:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the action taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) on August 9, 2010, to amend the MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 61 of the FY 2010-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to delete project #PHX09-809T and transfer funds in the amount of \$245,000 to project #VMT07-618T as shown in the attached table.

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	Mike Normand	Lisa Danka
	Eileen Yazzie	Teresa Kennedy	Don Mauller
	Jerome Wiggins	Seth Kaufman	Lynn Sugiyama
	Alex Smith	Mary Hewitt	

Attachment



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August 9, 2010

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

Dear ~~Mr. Halikowski:~~ <sup>John</sup>

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 July 26, 2006 the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP, and on July 25, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP. It is necessary to modify the current FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP to include a modification to project #VMT07-618T - Purchase bus: standard - 13 expand articulated. Project #VMT07-618T was approved in the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP and 100% funded with regional funds. The project needs to be modified in the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP to adjust the funding source to include \$245,000 from the FTA 5309 - Bus and Bus Facilities discretionary fund. The \$245,000 will be deleted from project #PHX09-809T. The modification is shown in the attached table.

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.

A Voluntary Association of Local Governments in Maricopa County

City of Apache Junction ▲ City of Avondale ▲ Town of Buckeye ▲ Town of Carefree ▲ Town of Cave Creek ▲ City of Chandler ▲ City of El Mirage ▲ Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation ▲ Town of Fountain Hills ▲ Town of Gila Bend  
Gila River Indian Community ▲ Town of Gilbert ▲ City of Glendale ▲ City of Goodyear ▲ Town of Guadalupe ▲ City of Litchfield Park ▲ Maricopa County ▲ City of Mesa ▲ Town of Peralta Valley ▲ City of Peoria ▲ City of Phoenix  
Town of Queen Creek ▲ Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ▲ City of Scottsdale ▲ City of Surprise ▲ City of Tempe ▲ City of Tolleson ▲ Town of Wickenburg ▲ Town of Youngtown ▲ Arizona Department of Transportation

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 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

Dennis Smith  
Executive Director

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

**Administrative Modification to the 2008-2012 MAG TIP**

TIP #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change
PHX09-809T	Phoenix	Regionwide	Bus Expansion--Phoenix, Avondale, Glendale	2009	n/a	5309-Disc		\$245,000		\$ 245,000	Delete project
VMT07-618T	Valley Metro	Regionwide	Purchase bus: standard - 13 expand Articulated, 2008 federal funds are used for repayment for 1 advance purchase of bus	2007	n/a	PTF & 5309-Disc		\$ 245,000	\$ 7,018,178	\$ 7,263,178	Modify funding source to include \$245,000 of 5309-Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary funds, total project costs do not change.