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Arizona FY 2010-2013
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
Approval of Amendment No. 76

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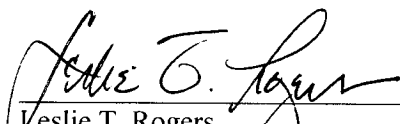
Dear Ms. Toth:

We have reviewed your December 14, 2010 request to amend the FY 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the enclosed table of projects adopted by the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council on December 8, 2010 as a Transportation Improvement Program Amendment.

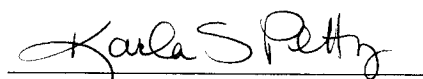
We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this STIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment required a new conformity determination [40 CFR §93.126]. A new finding of conformity was issued by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration on January 4, 2011.

This letter constitutes approval and inclusion of Amendment 76 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. Please note that this letter constitutes approval of the amendment with the understanding that FTA funding on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting the administrative and statutory requirements.

Sincerely yours,



Leslie T. Rogers
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Enclosure



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RE: FY 2010-2013 STIP, Amendment Number 76

Dear Mr. Hollis and Mr. Rogers:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the action taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council on December 8, 2010 to amend their FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 76 of the FY 2010-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

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). There are four projects in the attached table that are part of a new conformity determination as noted. The request to initiate the process to make a new conformity determination was sent to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration on December 8, 2010. The remaining projects on the table 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

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December 13, 2010

Ms. Jennifer Toth, Assistant Director
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Dear Ms. Toth:

On July 28, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). On December 8, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved an amendment and an administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP. This amendment and administrative modification includes both highway and transit projects in the MAG region. Details of these project changes are shown in the attached table. As the Governor's designee for approval of TIPs and TIP amendments, we request your expeditious approval of the amendment and modification of the TIP, which are necessary to ensure the continuation of the projects involved. In addition to approval of the TIP amendment and modification, we also request that ADOT process the necessary amendment to the relevant Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as soon as possible.

There are four projects in the attached table that are a part of a new conformity determination as noted. The request to initiate the process to make a new conformity determination was sent to Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration on December 8, 2010. The remaining projects on the table 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 December 8, 2010 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 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 if you need any clarification regarding these amendments.

Sincerely,

Dennis Smith
Executive Director

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A Voluntary Association of Local Governments in Maricopa County

**Request for Project Change - 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program
APPROVED BY MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL DECEMBER 8, 2010**

HIGHWAY

TIP #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	FY	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change	New Conformity Determination
DOT11-125	ADOT	303 (Estrella Fwy): Peoria Ave - Waddell Rd	Utility Relocation	2011	2 mile	RARF			\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	Amend: Add a new "Utility relocation" project in fiscal year 2011 for \$400,000.	No - Consultation Process
DOT11-126	ADOT	303 (Estrella Fwy): Waddell Rd - MountainView Blvd	Utility Relocation	2011	4 mile	RARF			\$ 5,800,000	\$ 5,800,000	Amend: Add a new "Utility relocation" project in fiscal year 2011 for \$5,800,000.	No - Consultation Process
DOT12-841	ADOT	101 (Agua Fria Fwy): Northern Ave - US60 (Grand Ave)	Construct northbound auxiliary lanes	2011	3 mile	State	\$ 1,900,000			\$ 1,900,000	Amend: Delete project from the TIP. The work was done in January 2008.	No - Consultation Process
DOT11-123	ADOT	SR24 (Williams Gateway Freeway): L20 to Ellsworth.	Advance construct new freeway segment using Highway Project Acceleration Notes (HPAN). Repayment in 2015.	2012	1.75	Local	\$ 148,200,000	\$ -		\$ 148,200,000	Amend: Add new project to the TIP. Project is advance constructed from 2016 to 2012 with local funds. Repayment begins in June 2015. Freeway ramps are 1 lane and freeway is 2 lanes in each direction. Project will be open to traffic in 2014	✓ - Yes
DOT15-200	ADOT	SR24 (Williams Gateway Freeway): L20 to Ellsworth.	Repayment of advanced construction.	2015	1.75	RARF		\$ -	\$ 148,200,000	\$ 148,200,000	Amend: Add new project to the TIP. Repayment of advanced construct project. Repayments to begin June 2015.	✓ - Yes
DOT11-124	ADOT	SR24 (Williams Gateway Freeway): L20 to Ellsworth.	Highway Project Acceleration Notes (HPAN) Interest Payments	2012	1.75	State - STAN	\$ 10,000,000			\$ 10,000,000	Amend: Add new project to the TIP.	✓ - Yes
DOT11-125	ADOT	SR24 (Williams Gateway Freeway): L20 to Ellsworth.	Highway Project Acceleration Notes (HPAN) Interest Payments	2012	1.75	RARF			\$ 5,700,000	\$ 5,700,000	Amend: Add new project to the TIP.	✓ - Yes
MMA09-811	Miracopa County	Old US-80 Bridge over Gila River	Rehabilitate bridge	2011	0.1	BR- Bridge Funding /STP- TEA	\$ 6,200,000	\$ 1,500,000		\$ 7,700,000	Admin Mod: Move project from 2008-2012 TIP into the new FY2011-2015 MAG TIP. Project is funded with \$500k - STP-TEA and \$1 million of BR	No - Consultation Process
TMP10-620	Tempe	Broadway Rd: Rural Rd to Mill Ave	Acquire right-of-way and construct pedestrian and bicycle facilities improvements	2011	1 Mile	CMAQ	\$ 2,571,780	\$ 2,571,780		\$ 5,143,560	Admin Mod: Change Project Description to include ROW.	No - Consultation Process

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TRANSIT

TIP #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	FY	A.L.I.	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Reg. Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change	New Conformity Determination
GDL11-101T	Guadalupe	Guadalupe	Purchase buses for Senior Center - FY2010 Earmark	2011	11.12.04	5309-Disc	\$ 37,500	\$ 150,000		\$ 187,500	Amend: Add new earmark/ high priority project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
PHX11-106T	Phoenix	Phoenix - South Mountain Area	Purchase Buses for South Mountain Circulator - FY2009 Earmark	2011	11.12.01	5309-Disc	\$ 237,500	\$ 950,000		\$ 1,187,500	Amend: Add new earmark/ high priority project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
PHX11-110T	Phoenix	Phoenix - Citywide	Buses replacement - diesel-electric hybrid buses	2011	na	5309-Disc	\$ 729,425	\$ 2,917,700		\$ 3,647,125	Amend: Add new State of Good Repair discretionary project	No - Consultation Process
SCT11-110T	Scottsdale	Scottsdale (SkySong)	Plan, design and construct intermodal center - FY2009 Earmark	2011	11.33.03	5309-Disc	\$ 141,075	\$ 564,300		\$ 705,375	Amend: Add new earmark/ high priority project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
SCT11-111T	Scottsdale	L101 and Scottsdale Rd	Construct Park and Ride, Scottsdale, AZ- FY2010 Earmark	2011	1.33.04	5309-Disc	\$ 125,000	\$ 500,000		\$ 625,000	Amend: Add new earmark/ high priority project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
SCT11-112T	Scottsdale	Scottsdale (SkySong)	Intermodal center - FY2010 Earmark	2011	1.33.03	5309-Disc	\$ 125,000	\$ 500,000		\$ 625,000	Amend: Add new earmark/ high priority project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
TMP11-100T	Tempe	Tempe	Construct East Valley Metro Bus Facility - FY2009 Earmark	2011	11.43.03	5309-Disc	\$ 366,795	\$ 1,467,180		\$ 1,833,975	Amend: Add new earmark/ high priority project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
TMP11-101T	Tempe	Tempe	Purchase buses for Neighborhood Circulator - FY2010 Earmark	2011	11.12.04	5309-Disc	\$ 125,000	\$ 500,000		\$ 625,000	Amend: Add new earmark/ high priority project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
PHX11-111T	Phoenix	Phoenix - Buses serving Rapid Routes on HOV system	Preventive Maintenance - FY2009 5309-FGM Funds	2011	11.7A.00	5309-FGM	\$ 29,865	\$ 119,460		\$ 149,325	Amend: Add new project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
VMT11-105T	Vally Metro	Regionwide - Buses serving Express Routes on HOV system	Preventive Maintenance - FY2009 5309-FGM Funds	2011	11.7A.00	5309-FGM	\$ 20,553	\$ 82,210		\$ 102,763	Amend: Add new project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
VMR11-102T	Vally Metro Rail	Phoenix, Mesa Tempe - Light Rail	Preventive Maintenance - FY2009 5309-FGM Funds	2011	11.7A.00	5309-FGM	\$ 221,083	\$ 884,331		\$ 1,105,414	Amend: Add new project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
PHX11-112T	Phoenix	Phoenix - Buses serving Rapid Routes on HOV system	Preventive Maintenance - FY2010 5309-FGM Funds	2011	11.7A.00	5309-FGM	\$ 11,880	\$ 47,520		\$ 59,400	Amend: Add new project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
VMT11-106T	Vally Metro	Regionwide - Buses serving Express Routes on HOV system	Preventive Maintenance - FY2010 5309-FGM Funds	2011	11.7A.00	5309-FGM	\$ 8,176	\$ 32,702		\$ 40,878	Amend: Add new project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process
VMR11-103T	Vally Metro Rail	Phoenix, Mesa Tempe - Light Rail	Preventive Maintenance - FY2010 5309-FGM Funds	2011	11.7A.00	5309-FGM	\$ 87,944	\$ 351,776		\$ 439,720	Amend: Add new project to the TIP	No - Consultation Process