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In Reply Refer To:  
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Arizona FY 2011-2014  
Statewide Transportation Program (STIP)  
Approval of Amendment No. 80  
HPM-AZ

Mr. Joseph S. Omer, Division Director  
Multimodal Planning Division  
Arizona Department of Transportation, (300B)  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Omer:

We have reviewed your September 4, 2012 request to amend the FY 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the FY 2013-2014 portion of the enclosed list of projects approved by the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council on August 30, 2012.

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 determination [40 CFR §93.126].

This letter constitutes approval and inclusion of Amendment 80 into the Arizona FY 2011-2014 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,

*For* Karla S. Petty  
Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc: DMayfield (310 B), LHarriger (320B), Paul Page (FTA)  
cc: EStillings, RTruely, TDeitering, KKing, RSwiecki



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September 4, 2012

Ms. Karla S. Petty  
Division Administrator  
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RE: FY 2011-2014 STIP, Amendment Number 80

Dear Ms. Petty:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the action taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council on August 30, 2012 to amend their FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 80 of the FY 2011-2014 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). All of the 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,

Scott Omer

cc: Ed Stillings                      John Dickson  
    Lisa Danka                        Jodi Rooney  
    Teri Kennedy                      Seth Kaufman

Attachment

August 31, 2012

Mr. Scott Omer  
Multimodal Planning Director  
Multimodal Planning Division  
Arizona Department of Transportation  
206 South 17th Avenue, MD 310B  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear ~~Mr. Omer:~~ <sup>SCOTT</sup>

On July 28, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). On July 25, 2012, the MAG Regional Council approved future project funding modifications related to approved federal fiscal year 2012 Closeout projects. On August 30, 2012, MAG Executive Regional Council approved to increase the amount currently programmed for a project in Litchfield Park based on the results from the ADOT competitive bid process. To keep the TIP fiscally constrained in the MAG region, it is necessary to request modifications to two additional projects that have cost savings. This will be the nineteenth amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 TIP.

As the Governor's designee for approval of TIPs and TIP amendments in the State of Arizona, we request your 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 MAG 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.

All projects in the attached table are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations.

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 Teri Kennedy if you need any clarification regarding these amendments.

Sincerely,



Dennis Smith  
Executive Director

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA  
Lisa Danka, ADOT  
John Dickson, ADOT Local Governments  
Lupe Harriger, ADOT MPD

Table A. Non-ALCP Project Changes to the Fiscal Year 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Executive Regional Council approved 8-30-2012

8/30/2012

HIGHWAY														
TIP #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Est. Date Open	Length miles	Lanes Before	Lanes After	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change
LPK05-101C	Litchfield Park	Litchfield Rd at Wigwam Blvd	Construct Multi-Use Underpass	2011	2013	0.2	0	0	CMAQ	\$ 212,122	\$ 2,863,467	\$ -	\$ 3,075,589	Amend: Lowest bid during competitive process returned higher than engineering estimated total cost for project. Increase federal amount by \$883,167, increase local amount by \$92,442

Administrative Modifications										Administrative Modifications 8-31-2012				
8/31/2012														
TIP #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Est. Date Open	Length miles	Lanes Before	Lanes After	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change
PHX12-859	Phoenix	Hatcher Rd Streetscape: Central Ave to 3rd Street	Construct 8-ft sidewalk, 3-ft shoulder and landscaping	2012	203	0.1	2	4	CMAQ	\$ -	\$ 840,000	\$ -	\$ 3,075,589	Admin: Reduce cost by \$360,000 federal. Engineer's estimate for project is \$840,000. ADOT Trac# SS95901C
SUR12-818	Surprise	Bell Rd: Loop 303 (Estrella Fwy) to Beardsley Canal (185th Ave)	Construct fiber optic interconnect to connect TI traffic signals, CCTV cameras, dynamic message signs, and connection to ITS fiber backbone	2012	2013	3.0	6	6	CMAQ	\$ -	\$ 923,167	\$ -	\$ 923,167	Admin: Reduce cost by \$523,167 federal. Competitive bid returned lower, total project cost is \$923167. ADOT Trac# SS95501C