

Appendix J. Section 106 Consultation Part 1

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This appendix contains the final Tier 1 Section 106 programmatic agreement, which was distributed to consulting parties for concurrence on July 15, 2021. Consultation is ongoing, and the programmatic agreement will be executed subsequently. Construction on Tier 2 projects would not proceed until appropriate Section 106 agreement documents are executed. This appendix also contains correspondence related to Section 106 consultation.

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PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT
AMONG
THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION,
AND ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER
REGARDING THE
NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR STUDY TIER 1 EIS,
INTERSTATE 10 TO U.S. ROUTE 60, ARIZONA,
PROJECT NO. STP-999-A(365)X, TRACS NO. 999 PN 000 H7454 01L,
PINAL AND MARICOPA COUNTIES, ARIZONA

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides funding assistance to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) through the Federal-aid Highway Program (hereafter, *the Program*), which is subject to Section 106 (54 United States Code [USC] § 306108) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended (54 USC § 300301, *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800; and

WHEREAS, and in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 United States Code [USC] § 4321 *et seq.*), FHWA is preparing a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate build corridor alternatives for the proposed development of the North-South Corridor (NSC) Freeway, connecting communities in central Pinal County with U.S. Route 60 (US 60) and Interstate 10 (I-10; see Attachment A, NSC Study [NSCS] Build Corridor Alternatives), in Pinal and Maricopa Counties, Arizona, with a planning and implementation horizon that extends to the year 2040 (hereafter, *the Undertaking*); and

WHEREAS, the Undertaking would include a portion of State Route (SR) 24, a controlled-access highway, to be used to link SR 202L and the NSC Freeway, thereby providing access to the NSC Freeway for the southeastern suburban areas of the greater metropolitan Phoenix area; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Tier 1 EIS, ADOT may select a build corridor alternative, approximately 2,000 feet wide, for designation and development of the North-South Corridor Freeway; and

WHEREAS, an interim area of potential effects (APE) has been defined, consisting of all build corridor alternatives combined (see Attachment A). If one of the build corridor alternatives is

selected, the Tier 1 APE would correspond spatially and would be revised during Tier 2 as alignment segments were identified, along with the identification of appropriate land jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, if a build corridor alternative is selected, further planning and construction of the NSC Freeway would occur in multiple, separate phases over the planning and implementation horizon which extends to the year 2040. Each such phase is hereinafter referred to as a *Tier 2 project*, specific to a *Tier 2 segment*. Each Tier 2 project would individually satisfy the definition of an undertaking (*sensu* 36 CFR § 800.16[y]) but would remain a component of the present Undertaking, subject to both Section 106 and the terms of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, 23 USC §§ 326 and 327 allow the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary, acting through FHWA, to assign responsibilities for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 USC § 4321, *et seq.*) and other federal environmental laws to a state department of transportation through a memorandum of understanding (MOU); and

WHEREAS, FHWA and ADOT have entered into two MOUs, included in this programmatic agreement (hereafter, *the Agreement*) as Attachments B and C, respectively, as provided for in 23 USC §§ 326 and 327, respectively, through which FHWA assigned, and ADOT assumed, FHWA's responsibilities for compliance with NEPA and Section 106 for all Program-funded transportation projects in the state of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, FHWA did not assign and ADOT did not assume FHWA's responsibilities for compliance with NEPA and Section 106, pursuant to 23 USC § 327, for portions of three federal undertakings (see Attachment D), none of which is the NSC Freeway Tier 1 EIS or subsequent Tier 2 projects; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 326 and 327 MOUs, ADOT is deemed to be the responsible federal agency for the purpose of compliance with 36 CFR Part 800, except for projects not assigned under the 23 USC § 327 MOU (see Attachment D), throughout Tier 1, and thus ADOT is a Signatory to this Agreement, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 326 and 327 MOUs, ADOT assumes all statutory responsibilities as the lead federal agency for individual Tier 2 projects that would be defined during the concomitant NEPA process, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(2), and would consult with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to Sections 101 (*to wit* 54 USC §§ 302303[b][5], [6], and [9][A]) and 106 of the NHPA, as well as 36 CFR §§ 800.2 (c)(1)(i) and 800.6(b)(1); and

WHEREAS, the *Programmatic Agreement Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Regarding Implementation of Federal-Aid Transportation Projects in the State of Arizona* (hereafter, the *Statewide PA*) was executed on September 23, 2020, by FHWA, ADOT, SHPO, and ACHP; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide PA was developed pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.14(b)(2) in order to establish a programmatic alternative for taking into account the effects of repetitive, recurring, and/or minor undertakings funded by the Program and will thus be applicable to some of this Undertaking's Tier 2 projects; and

WHEREAS, ADOT has developed this Agreement for the Tier 1 EIS to define and outline how individual Tier 2 projects would be carried out, to detail environmental commitments, and to satisfy the requirements of Section 106, pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.14(b)(1)(i) and (ii); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.4(b)(2) and 800.5(a)(3), ADOT has implemented, for the Tier 1 EIS, a phased approach for identifying historic properties—including archaeological resources, historic built environment resources (districts, buildings, and structures), and properties of religious and cultural significance to federally recognized Native American tribes—that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and is evaluating effects thereupon; and

WHEREAS, if a build corridor alternative is selected, subsequent phased design, assessment of environmental impacts pursuant to NEPA, and construction of specific Tier 2 projects to implement the Undertaking during a planning and implementation horizon that extends to the year 2040, could involve the use of co-located roadways with or without upgrades, and/or the construction of new segments of roadway; and

WHEREAS, the ADOT Environmental Administrator is the ADOT agency official for Program-funded transportation projects assigned under the 326 and 327 MOUs, including the Tier 2 projects described in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, ADOT is responsible for compliance with NEPA and Section 106 for all Tier 2 projects, which would be studied and constructed as multiple, separate undertakings over the planning and implementation horizon extending to the year 2040; and

WHEREAS, all historic properties, including sites, places, or landscapes of religious and cultural significance to Native American tribes, that may be affected by this Undertaking have not yet been identified, given that portions of the build corridor alternatives have not been subjected to intensive pedestrian survey; and

WHEREAS, the Undertaking may have an adverse effect on historic properties, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.5(a)(2)(i); and

WHEREAS, ADOT's participation in and adherence to this Agreement as a Signatory affirms and demonstrates compliance with the State Historic Preservation Act (41 Arizona Revised Statutes [ARS] §§ 861–864); and

WHEREAS, the Arizona SHPO is authorized to enter into this Agreement in order to fulfill its role of advising and assisting federal agencies in carrying out their responsibilities pursuant to Sections 101 (54 USC §§ 302303[b][5], [6], and [9][A]) and 106 of the NHPA, 36 CFR §§ 800.2(c)(1)(i), and 800.6(b)(1)(i), and SHPO is a Signatory to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, SHPO is authorized to enter into this Agreement to fulfill its role of advising and assisting federal and state agencies in carrying out their historic preservation responsibilities and cooperate with those agencies in accordance with 41 ARS § 511.04(D)(4), and thus SHPO is a Signatory to this Agreement, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the effect of the Undertaking on historic properties is not yet knowable and the present Undertaking and subsequent Tier 2 projects may have an adverse effect on historic properties, as explicated at 36 CFR § 800.5(a); and

WHEREAS, ADOT notified the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) of the potential for adverse effects resulting from the Undertaking, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6(b)(2), and invited the ACHP to participate in this Agreement, and the ACHP accepted the invitation on March 4, 2019, and is a Signatory to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, ADOT must comply with Arizona's State Historic Preservation Act, and ADOT's participation in this Agreement as a Signatory satisfies compliance with 41 ARS §§ 861—864; and

WHEREAS, ADOT consulted with the following federal agencies: the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Western Regional Office and San Carlos Irrigation Project), Bureau of Land Management (Hassayampa, Lower Sonoran, Tucson, and state offices), Bureau of Reclamation, Federal Railroad Administration, Federal Transit Administration, National Park Service (Casa Grande National Monument), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Western Area Power Administration, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(c)4, and these agencies have been invited to be Concurring Parties to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service (Casa Grande National Monument), in a letter dated May 8, 2019, has requested to be a Concurring Party to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Regional Office has, in an email dated April 23, 2021, has declined participation in the development of this Agreement and further participation in continuing Section 106 consultation, deferring to the San Carlos Irrigation Project; and

WHEREAS, ADOT has consulted with and invited the following Native American tribes (hereafter, *the Tribes*) that may attach religious or cultural importance to affected properties (pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.2[c][2][ii][A]—[F]) to be Concurring Parties to this Agreement: Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation, Tonto Apache Tribe, Yavapai-Apache Nation, and Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Ak-Chin Indian Community, in a letter dated April 10, 2017, has deferred to the Gila River Indian Community for the purpose of Section 106 consultation; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe, in a letter dated April 25, 2019, declined participation in the development of this Agreement but requested to participate in continuing Section 106 consultation; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, in a letter dated February 23, 2011, declined to participate in the development of this Agreement and declined to take part in further Section 106 consultation unless ADOT encounters archaeological deposits with known or suspected Apache affiliation; and

WHEREAS, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, in a letter dated July 8, 2016, declined further participation in Section 106 consultation but, in a letter dated November 7, 2018, requested to participate in the development of this Agreement. Most recently, in a letter dated April 30, 2021, the Tribe declined further consultation or participation in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Yavapai-Apache Nation, in a letter dated April 22, 2019, requested to participate in the development of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Tribal participation in this Agreement does not constitute approval of the outcome of the Tier 1 EIS; and

WHEREAS, ADOT will continue to consult with interested Tribes that elect not to participate in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, no provision of this Agreement shall be construed by any of the Signatories, Invited Signatories, or Concurring Parties as abridging or debilitating any sovereign powers of individual Tribes, affecting the trustee-beneficiary relationship between the Secretary of Interior and the Tribes, or interfere with the government-to-government relationship between the United States and the Tribes, and

WHEREAS, FHWA's responsibilities for government-to-government consultation with the Tribes, as defined at 36 CFR § 800.16(m), are not assigned to or assumed by ADOT under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, ADOT implemented consultation with all Tribal representatives who expressed interest in this Undertaking, and accepted all shared information concerning properties of traditional, religious, and cultural importance, and ADOT has employed this information to avoid impacts from the Tier 1 review to such properties; and

WHEREAS, ADOT has consulted, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(3), with the following state agencies: Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs/Army National Guard, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and Arizona State Land Department; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has, in an email dated May 6, 2021, has declined participation in the development of this agreement and further participation in continuing Section 106 consultation; and

WHEREAS, ADOT has consulted, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(3), with Pinal County, and has invited them to sign this Agreement as a Concurring Party; and

WHEREAS, ADOT has consulted, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(3), with the following municipalities: City of Apache Junction, City of Coolidge, City of Eloy, Town of Florence, City of Mesa, and Town of Queen Creek, and has invited them to sign this Agreement as Concurring Parties; and

WHEREAS, ADOT has consulted, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(5), with Archaeology Southwest, Arizona Cattle Growers Association, Arizona Cotton Growers Association, Arizona Mining Association, Arizona Public Service, ASARCO, Central Arizona Project, Pinal County Farm Bureau, San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District, Tucson Electric Power (a UNS Energy Corporation), and Union Pacific Railroad, and has invited them to sign this Agreement as Concurring Parties; and

WHEREAS, Archaeology Southwest has declined participation in this Agreement but continues to be a consulting party; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Cattle Growers Association, Arizona Cotton Growers Association, ASARCO, the Bureau of Land Management Lower Sonoran Field Office, the Bureau of Land Management State Office, and the Pinal County Farm Bureau have been non-responsive to consultation and communication, ADOT assumes they are no longer participants in the development of this Agreement or further continuing Section 106 consultation; and

WHEREAS, ADOT has consulted, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6(c)(2)(iii), with the Arizona State Museum (ASM), and ASM has been invited to participate because it has mandated authority and responsibilities under the Arizona Antiquities Act (AAA; 41 ARS § 841 *et seq.*) that apply to that portion of the Undertaking on municipal, county, and state lands in Arizona and mandated authority and responsibilities under 41 ARS § 865 that apply to that portion of the Undertaking on private lands, and ADOT has invited ASM to sign this Agreement as a Concurring Party; and

WHEREAS, ADOT has utilized the NEPA public participation requirements to coordinate and assist in satisfying the public involvement requirements under Section 106 of the NHPA, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(d)(3), augmenting the NEPA process as necessary to ensure compliance with Section 106; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the phased approach, ADOT completed a series of cultural resource inventories for the Tier 1 review, designed to identify cultural resources listed in or eligible for listing in NRHP and that could be affected by the Undertaking during subsequent Tier 2 projects, as reported in: *A Class I Cultural Resources Inventory of the North-South Corridor Study, Pinal County, Arizona* (Graves 2011), *Traditional Cultural Property Overview for the Proposed North-South (NSC) and SR 24 (Pinal County) Freeway Corridors, Maricopa and Pinal Counties, Arizona* (Darling 2016), *Results of a Class III Cultural Resources Survey and Historical-Period Linear Resources Inventory for the North-South Corridor Study, Pinal County, Arizona* (Hall et al. 2017), *Results of an Inventory of Architectural Resources for the North-South Corridor Study Area, Pinal County, Arizona* (Thompson and Gregory 2017), *Supplemental Class I Cultural Resources Inventory for the North-South Corridor Study, Pinal County, Arizona* (Stewart and Brodbeck 2018), and *Supplemental Inventory of Historic Buildings, Structures, and Districts for the North-South Corridor Study, Pinal County, Arizona* (Brodbeck 2018); and

WHEREAS, SHPO subsequently concurred with the adequacy of the above reports, which identify cultural resources that are listed in or eligible for listing in the NRHP, or which have not

yet been evaluated for NRHP eligibility, and which could be adversely affected by the Undertaking; and

WHEREAS, ADOT provided the results of the above-referenced inventories to the consulting parties to this Undertaking for their review and comment, and ADOT has considered these comments in the EIS decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, the Undertaking may cause adverse effects to archaeological sites that have been or may be determined eligible for the NRHP pursuant to 36 CFR § 60.4(d) but which hold significance to descendant tribes for reasons other than or in addition to data potential. ADOT has acknowledged such significance and agrees that one such site, AZ U:14:73(ASM) deserves additional consideration if a western build alternative is selected. Site AZ U:14:73(ASM) is a prehistoric Huhugam site considered culturally significant to the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and Tohono O'odham Nation. The site may constitute a traditional cultural property (TCP) pursuant to National Register Bulletin 38 (*Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties*). ADOT has committed to assess and evaluate the site as a potential TCP, in association with this Undertaking, if a western build alternative is selected; and

WHEREAS, ADOT understands and acknowledges that while federal agencies are obligated to assess archaeological sites from a purely Western, science-based perspective, ancestral places hold additional and non-quantifiable significance, especially for descendant communities; and

WHEREAS, ADOT understands and acknowledges that while archaeological sites determined NRHP-eligible pursuant to 36 CFR § 60.4(d) derive their statutory significance from their data potential, and “mitigation” in the Western sense may include data recovery efforts, such efforts are not universally interpreted or accepted as wholly or partially mitigating; and

WHEREAS, definitions in this Agreement conform with those at 36 CFR § 800.16 unless otherwise specified; and

WHEREAS, the term “cultural resources,” as used in this Agreement, means locations, landscapes, sites, districts, features, and objects that were made, modified, or used by humans over 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, ADOT, ACHP, and SHPO are individual signatories and referred to collectively as *Signatories*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Signatories agree that development of the Undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to determine effects and resolve any adverse effects of the Undertaking on historic properties, and these stipulations will govern the Undertaking and all of its phases until the Agreement expires or is terminated.

STIPULATIONS

ADOT shall ensure that the following stipulations are carried out:

I. ADOT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A.** The Signatories agree that ADOT is the lead agency for this Undertaking and shall be responsible for Section 106 compliance associated with the Tier 1 review and all subsequent Tier 2 projects, pursuant to 23 USC §§ 326 and 327 (see Attachments C and D).
- B.** ADOT shall administer and implement the stipulations of this Agreement throughout the Tier 1 review and all subsequent Tier 2 projects. This includes assuring that all Signatories carry out their responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement.
- C.** Should Tier 2 agreement documents be developed pursuant to Stipulation II.H.1 (below), no elements thereof shall conflict with this Agreement.
- D.** ADOT, following the conditions of the 326 and 327 MOUs, shall conduct Section 106 consultation with the Tribes on behalf of FHWA. However:
 - 1.** FHWA shall retain all government-to-government responsibilities; and
 - 2.** If a consulting tribe is not satisfied with ADOT's level of consultation, the tribe shall notify FHWA and FHWA shall assume consultation in all or part, as agreed to with tribes.

II. THE TIER 1 PROJECT

- A.** ADOT is responsible for implementing those terms of this Agreement which pertain to the Tier 1 portion of this Undertaking, including, but not limited to:
 - 1.** Distribution of revised cultural resources reports, if necessary
 - 2.** Coordinating the approval of the Final Tier 1 EIS
 - 3.** Distribution of the Final Tier 1 EIS
 - 4.** Development of the Record of Decision.
- B.** Pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.4(b)(2) and 800.5(a)(3), the tiered approach to Section 106 compliance follows a phased strategy for identifying historic properties, including archaeological resources, historic built environment resources, and sites of religious and cultural significance to the Tribes, listed in or eligible for listing in the NRHP, and thereafter evaluating effects upon such resources. The Tier 1 phase of this strategy relied largely upon existing data (e.g., prior Class III surveys, Class I inventories, archival research, evaluations) and projected findings. The Tier 1 phase

did include new pedestrian survey and ethnographic research, but this was not enough to ensure complete inventory or assessment throughout all build corridor alternatives.

- C. ADOT shall continue to use the NEPA public participation requirements to coordinate and assist in satisfying the public involvement requirements under Section 106 of the NHPA, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(d)(3), augmenting the NEPA process as necessary to ensure compliance with Section 106.

III. TIER 2 PROJECTS

All Tier 2 *projects* shall remain subject to the terms of this Agreement. During Tier 2 projects, ADOT shall:

A. Identify and Engage Consulting Parties

In accordance with 36 CFR §§ 800.2(3)—(5) and 800.3(f), ADOT shall, for all Tier 2 projects subject to this Agreement, invite and facilitate Section 106 consultation with consulting parties.

1. Such parties may include, but are not limited to, public agencies with historic preservation responsibilities or jurisdiction, relevant advocacy groups, or other entities with a vested interest in the historic properties within Tier 2 project areas, and which may want to review reports and findings for projects within their respective jurisdictions.
2. ADOT shall conduct consultation, on behalf of FHWA, with the appropriate Native American tribes. Notwithstanding Stipulation III.A.6, such consultation shall be undertaken simultaneously and in identical fashion with Section 106 consultation between ADOT and other consulting parties. Tribal consultation shall include:
 - a. Tribes with jurisdictional authority over all or part of the Tier 2 project area; and
 - b. Any tribe not described in Stipulation III.A.2.a that is listed in ADOT's Historic Preservation Team (HPT) Portal database as having previously expressed a desire to be consulted with for the project area; and
 - c. Any tribe not described in Stipulations III.A.2.a–b that expresses or has expressed interest in the project, project area, or resources within the project area; and
 - d. The Tohono O'odham Nation, Gila River Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (collectively, the Four Southern Tribes), should any of the Four Southern Tribes satisfy Stipulations III.A.2.a–c; and

- e. Any tribe not described in Stipulations III.A.2.a–d that is recommended for consultation by another consulting party; and
 - f. Any tribe not described in Stipulations III.A.2.a–e to which a consulting tribe defers; and
 - g. Any tribe not described in Stipulations III.A.2.a–f that ADOT feels would be appropriate to invite
3. ADOT’s tribal consultation, on behalf of FHWA, shall continue unless and until that tribe informs ADOT, in writing, that:
 - a. They no longer wish to participate in consultation for that particular Tier 2 project; or
 - b. They wish to defer to another tribe for that particular Tier 2 project; or
 - c. They wish to participate in government-to-government consultation directly with FHWA, at which time ADOT will inform FHWA and FHWA will conduct further consultation.
 4. ADOT’s efforts to identify the appropriate consulting parties for individual Tier 2 projects shall be in consultation with SHPO.
 5. ADOT shall submit to ACHP and SHPO a list of consulting parties, a summary of preceding consultation, and a summary of any preceding, substantive comments. This submission may co-occur or coincide with other elements of Section 106 consultation.
 - a. SHPO shall provide comments, including recommendations for additional parties, to ADOT within 35 calendar days.
 - b. Upon receipt of SHPO’s comments, ADOT shall revise the list of consulting parties, as necessary, and resubmit to SHPO.
 6. In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11593 (Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources) and EO 13007 (Indian Sacred Sites), and pursuant to the terms of the 23 USC §§ 326 and 327 MOUs (Attachments B and C, respectively), FHWA shall retain responsibility for conducting formal government-to-government consultation with federally-recognized Indian Tribes (see Stipulations I.C, II.D, and III.A.3.c).
 7. ADOT shall provide all consulting parties with the following for a 35-calendar-day review and comment period, thus providing an opportunity to give input concerning the design and construction of Tier 2 projects, as they relate to cultural resources. This submission may co-occur or coincide with other elements of Section 106 consultation.

- a. Information on existing cultural resource inventories
 - b. Information on known historic properties
 - c. Locations where new cultural surveys are planned
 - d. Information on the assessment of project effects
 - e. Information on the resolution of adverse effects, should such exist
 - f. Plans, related documents, and digital spatial data, as warranted and appropriate, pertaining to Tier 2 projects.
8. In addition, ADOT shall coordinate public involvement as follows:
- a. ADOT shall satisfy the public involvement requirements under Section 106 of the NHPA pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(d)(3) and in coordination with the NEPA public participation requirements (40 CFR § 6.203).
 - b. Public involvement in the planning and implementation of Tier 2 projects subject to this Agreement shall be governed by ADOT's environmental compliance procedures and, as appropriate, any advice or guidance documents offered by consulting parties.
 - c. Consistent with Section 106, the public and consulting parties will have an opportunity to comment and voice concerns with regard to resources identified during Tier 2 inventories. Such input may be gathered during public meetings or by way of ADOT's project-specific website: <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/north-south-corridor-study-proposed-new-transportation-route-pinal>.
 - d. Public meetings held pursuant to NEPA (to wit 40 CFR § 6.203) shall present, in general terms, historic properties within the APE, findings of effect, and treatment of historic properties subject to adverse effects, in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(d)(3). Such meetings will be held in communities local to each Tier 2 segment. Interested groups and individuals will be invited to comment on proposed treatments. Those with demonstrated interest in the Undertaking as a whole or Tier 2 project in particular may be invited to participate as Section 106 consulting parties and/or Concurring Parties to individual Tier 2 agreements developed to resolve adverse effects upon historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.6 and 800.14(b).
 - e. ADOT shall consider written requests from individuals and organizations to participate as consulting parties in the development of measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects upon historic properties and unevaluated cultural resources.

- f. ADOT shall take into account all comments received from the public. Pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.11(e)—(g), public comments shall be considered in:
 - (1) Efforts to identify and evaluate historic properties, and
 - (2) Documentation of project effects upon historic properties, and
 - (3) Agreement documents developed for individual Tier 2 projects pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.6 and 800.14(b).

B. Define the APE

- 1. An appropriate APE for each Tier 2 project shall be established by ADOT, in consultation with SHPO, as appropriate and other consulting parties. The defining of each Tier 2 APE shall take into account direct, indirect, and cumulative effects, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(1). ADOT shall provide consulting parties a 35 calendar day review period to comment on the APE for each undertaking. This submission may co-occur or coincide with other elements of Section 106 consultation.
- 2. Throughout the Tier 2 design process, ADOT shall determine whether revisions to a Tier 2 project or the undertaking as a whole will require modification of the APE.
- 3. If a Tier 2 APE requires modification, ADOT shall:
 - a. Define an appropriate, revised APE, in consultation with SHPO and relevant land-managing agencies. Such consultation may consist of either:
 - (1) Informal coordination conducted in accordance with the scope change stipulations of the Statewide PA, should such be applicable; or
 - (2) Formal Section 106 consultation, if none of the Statewide PA's scope change stipulations are applicable.
 - b. Inform all consulting parties of the revised APE within 35 calendar days of its establishment.

C. Identify and Evaluate Historic Properties

- 1. ADOT shall take adequate and appropriate measures to identify cultural resources within each Tier 2 APE, and to prepare required and appropriate documentation.
- 2. TCPs are eligible for inclusion in the NRHP pursuant to 36 CFR § 60.4 and have a demonstrable association with the cultural practices, traditions, beliefs, lifeways, arts, crafts, or social institutions of a living community. TCPs are rooted in a

traditional community's history and are important in maintaining the continuing cultural identity of the community.

- a. TCPs will be identified through consultation with traditional communities having jurisdiction over, an ongoing connection with, or traditional affiliation with the APE.
 - b. The identification, documentation, and evaluation of TCPs shall be undertaken in accordance with National Register Bulletin 38 (*Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties*).
 - c. All documentation of TCPs shall be protected in accordance with Stipulation V, below.
3. The identification and evaluation of cultural resources shall be completed by individuals meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for the disciplines of archaeology, architectural history, or history, as appropriate, pursuant to 48 Federal Register (FR) 190:44716—44742, Section 112(a)(1)(A) (36 CFR § 800.2[a][1]) of the NHPA, and 36 CFR § 61.1(c).
 4. Methods of identification and levels of effort shall be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for the identification and evaluation of cultural resources, pursuant to 48 FR 190:44720—44726.
 5. Methods of documentation shall be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for archaeological documentation, pursuant to 48 FR 190:44734—44737 and all applicable standards, guidance, and instructions set forth by ASM, SHPO, and ACHP.
 6. For each Tier 2 project, the process, efforts, and results of identifying cultural resources shall be documented in one or more technical reports, as follows:
 - a. An "archaeological report," pertaining to archaeological sites, features, objects, and districts (*sensu* 36 CFR § 800.16[I][1] and National Register Bulletin [NRB] 36), including historic, in-use structures (HIS). As defined in ASM's Policy and Procedures Regarding Historical Sites and Features, HIS are elements of historic infrastructure that remain in use. Common examples include roads, pipelines, telephone lines, and canals that are over 50 years in age. The HIS classification does not include historic buildings.
 - (1) Archaeological reports may include *Class I inventory reports*, being comprehensive summaries of previously-conducted cultural resource surveys and the results thereof, or *Class III survey reports*, which document new pedestrian surveys within the Tier 2 APE and the results thereof.
 - (2) The identification and recording of archaeological materials shall be conducted by a qualified archaeologist who meets or exceeds the

standards set forth in Stipulation III.C.3, above, or who is working under the direct supervision thereof.

- (3) The recording of HIS shall utilize the SHPO HIS form (HISF), appended to the archaeological report.
 - (4) The identification and recording of HIS shall be conducted by a qualified historic architect or architectural historian (*sensu* Stipulation III.C.3), a qualified archaeologist (*sensu* Stipulation III.C.3), or an archaeological professional working under the direct supervision of a qualified archaeologist.
- b. An “historic built environment report,” pertaining to historic architectural properties and historic districts (*sensu* 36 CFR §§ 800.5 and 36 CFR § 65.3[d]). The identification and recording of historic architectural properties and historic districts shall be conducted by a qualified architectural historian or historic architect who meets or exceeds the standards set forth in Stipulation III.C.3.
- c. ADOT may compile both archaeological and built-environment data in a single report if:
- (1) The single report constitutes a Survey Report Summary Form (SRSF) completed in accordance with SHPO’s Guidance Point 10 (*Use and Submittal of the Survey Report Summary Form*); or
 - (2) The single report is not an SRSF but describes an inventory wherein:
 - i. No cultural resources are encountered; or
 - ii. Only isolated occurrences (IOs) are encountered; or
 - iii. Only HIS are encountered; or
 - iv. Only IOs and HIS are encountered; or
 - v. Fewer than five cultural resources are encountered, not including IOs and HIS; or
 - vi. The inventoried area is 10 acres or less; or
 - vii. Upon written but informal concurrence from SHPO or THPO, as applicable, land-managing agencies with jurisdiction over the inventoried area, and ASM.
- d. Each report shall identify those cultural resources within the Tier 2 APE that have been identified as historic properties, as defined at 36 CFR

§ 800.16(l)(1), as well as unevaluated cultural resources (see Stipulations III.D.1.c, III.E.2.c[1], and III.G.2, below).

- e. Draft versions of each report shall be distributed to all consulting parties for a 35-calendar-day review and comment period. During this period, consulting parties may submit questions or comments to ADOT, in writing. This submission may co-occur or coincide with other elements of Section 106 consultation.
 - (1) Feedback received during the review and comment period will be considered by ADOT and, as appropriate, incorporated into a revised version of the report.
 - (2) If no comments or questions are received, ADOT will notify all consulting parties that the distributed report shall be considered final.
 - (3) If only non-substantive comments are received, these will be addressed, as appropriate, and the revised report will be forwarded to the consulting parties for their records.
 - (4) If substantive comments are received, ADOT will address these, as appropriate, and thereafter submit the revised report to all consulting parties for another 35-calendar-day review and comment period. In the accompanying correspondence, ADOT shall summarize the substantive comments received and the actions taken. If substantive comments did not lead to changes, ADOT shall explain why no changes were made. This submission may co-occur or coincide with other elements of Section 106 consultation.
7. As appropriate and necessary, the above methods and criteria may be modified for individual Tier 2 projects, in consultation with consulting parties and in accordance with current professional standards, applicable statutes, and established guidance from SHPO and ACHP. ADOT shall notify consulting parties of any such modification.

D. Evaluate the Significance of Cultural Resources

1. Upon receipt and review of all relevant data and in consultation with consulting parties, ADOT shall assess each identified cultural resource's eligibility for listing in the NRHP pursuant to 36 CFR § 60.4 and NRB 15 (*How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*). Available determinations of eligibility are:
 - a. "Eligible," meaning the resource is eligible for listing in the NRHP pursuant to 36 CFR § 60.4
 - b. "Not eligible," meaning the resource is not eligible for listing in the NRHP pursuant to 36 CFR § 60.4

- c. “Unevaluated,” meaning the resource has not been evaluated for NRHP eligibility or cannot be evaluated based on available data. Unless and until adequate evaluation is possible, unevaluated resources shall be treated as eligible for the purpose of Section 106 consultation and the implementation of this Agreement.
2. ADOT determinations of NRHP eligibility shall be made by individuals meeting the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualification Standards for the discipline of archaeology, pursuant to 48 FR 190:44716—44742, Section 112(a)(1)(A) (36 CFR § 800.2[a][1]) of the NHPA, and 36 CFR § 61.1(c).
3. Disagreement with Determinations of NRHP Eligibility
 - a. Should SHPO object to, disagree with, or fail to concur with ADOT’s determination of NRHP eligibility during the review and comment period described above:
 - (1) ADOT shall notify all consulting parties of the objection or disagreement, in writing, outlining the process for seeking resolution (see below).
 - (2) ADOT shall take the objection or disagreement into account and make good faith efforts to coordinate and consult with the objecting party to reach a mutually agreeable determination, in accordance with Stipulation VI (*Dispute Resolution*). This consultation shall last no more than 35 calendar days and may co-occur or coincide with other elements of Section 106 consultation. ADOT shall document all such consultation and forward such documentation, including results, to all consulting parties within 14 calendar days of disagreement-specific consultation ending.
 - (3) If the disagreement cannot be remedied through consultation, ADOT shall forward their determination of eligibility and all relevant documentation to the Keeper of the National Register (Keeper) for resolution in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.4(c)(2).
 - (4) ADOT shall notify all consulting parties that the matter has been forwarded to the Keeper for consideration.
 - (5) If ADOT receives input from the Keeper within 35 calendar days of submitting the appropriate information, ADOT shall consider said input prior to making a final decision.
 - (6) ADOT shall render a final decision regarding the disputed determination of eligibility within 14 calendar days of either (a) receiving input from the Keeper, or (b) the end of the 35-calendar-day consideration period afforded to the Keeper, if the Keeper does not respond.

- (7) ADOT shall notify all consulting parties, and the Keeper, of its final decision, and thereafter proceed accordingly.
- b. Should a member of the public or a consulting party other than SHPO object to or disagree with ADOT's determination of NRHP eligibility during the review and comment period described above:
 - (1) ADOT shall take the objection or disagreement into account and make good faith efforts to coordinate and consult with the objecting party to discuss and, if appropriate, reassess ADOT's determination.
 - (2) If the disagreement cannot be remedied through good faith coordination, and assuming no objection has been received from SHPO, ADOT shall make its final determination and proceed accordingly. The disagreement and ultimate outcome shall be conveyed to all consulting parties during the course of subsequent consultation.
- c. All determinations of NRHP eligibility made by ADOT during Tier 2 shall not be considered final unless and until ADOT receives concurrence from SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate.
- d. If questions, recommendations, objections, or proposed changes are received after the close of the final review period, ADOT shall make good faith efforts to respond and address these. However, ADOT shall have no obligation to reconsider or alter the determinations of NRHP eligibility.

E. Provide Documentation

- 1. ADOT shall submit drafts of archaeological reports and historic built environment reports (see Stipulation III.C.6, above) generated during the course of Tier 2 projects to all consulting parties for a 35-calendar-day review and comment period. This submission may co-occur or coincide with other elements of Section 106 consultation.
- 2. The distribution of reports shall be accompanied by a Section 106 consultation letter from ADOT. This letter shall provide or identify, at minimum:
 - a. Historic properties within the Tier 2 APE that are listed in the NRHP.
 - b. Previous determinations of NRHP eligibility and, if available, details regarding concurrence from SHPO or THPO.
 - c. References for documents, interviews, studies, or other sources used to assess NRHP eligibility for newly-recorded resources or those previously known but not previously evaluated.

- (1) Known archaeological properties that cannot be evaluated prior to approval of an undertaking will be presumed and treated as NRHP eligible.
 - (2) Where archaeological testing to determine NRHP eligibility is feasible and deemed necessary, project-specific memoranda of agreement (MOAs) or project-specific programmatic agreements (PAs) (hereafter collectively referred to as *Tier 2 Agreement Documents*; see Stipulation III.H.1, below) may include a provision for historic property treatment plans (HPTPs) that include archaeological testing or the use of a combined archaeological testing and data recovery program (i.e., *phased data recovery*).
- d. Newly-developed determinations of NRHP eligibility or ineligibility (see Stipulation III.D), the criteria under which any determinations of eligibility were made, pursuant to 36 CFR § 60.4, and justification for any such determinations.
 - e. Any statutory exemptions to further Section 106 consideration, if applicable (e.g., *Section 106 Exemption Regarding Effects to the Interstate Highway System, Exemption Regarding Historic Preservation Review Process for Projects Involving Historic Natural Gas Pipelines*).
 - f. Planned or potential measures to overcome obstacles to assessing eligibility (e.g., archaeological testing).
 - g. ADOT's determination of project effect upon historic properties (see Stipulation III.G, below)
3. Upon receipt of distributed reports and accompanying letter(s), consulting parties may pose questions, request changes, provide recommendations, or raise concerns within the ensuing 35-calendar-day review period. Such responses shall be made in writing. The protocol for addressing such responses shall follow that set forth in Stipulation III.D.3, above.
 4. If any consulting party requests additional information or a re-evaluation of a resource's NRHP eligibility, ADOT shall, as appropriate:
 5. Provide requested information
 6. Consider and address concerns
 7. Reconsider or reevaluate determinations of eligibility
 8. Revise the report(s) in question

9. If, following the review and comment period, ADOT makes only non-substantive revisions to the report(s), the revised report(s) will be sent to all consulting parties for their records.
10. If, following the review and comment period, ADOT makes substantive changes to the report(s), the revised report(s) will be sent to all consulting parties for another 35-day review and comment period. This submission may co-occur or coincide with other elements of Section 106 consultation.
11. The above-described process of distribution, review, revision, and consultation shall repeat, as necessary, until such time as no substantive revisions are necessary.
12. At such time as no objections or requests for substantive revision are received by ADOT, within the original or subsequent review period, ADOT shall send the final report(s) to all consulting parties for their records.
13. If questions, recommendations, objections, or proposed changes are received after the close of the final review period, ADOT shall make good faith efforts to respond and address these. However, ADOT shall have no obligation to reconsider or alter the determinations of report adequacy.
14. If, after the distribution of the final report(s), there are changes to the Tier 2 APE or Tier 2 project that introduce additional cultural resources other than those previously determined NRHP-eligible or which are statutorily exempt from Section 106 evaluation, or if new information is received that suggests the presence or potential presence of additional cultural resources within the APE, supplemental reports will be prepared, as necessary, and distributed to all consulting parties for a 35-calendar-day review and comment period. The consultation process for such supplemental reports shall follow that described above in Stipulation III.E.1–8. This submission may co-occur or coincide with other elements of Section 106 consultation.

F. Phased Identification and Unanticipated Discoveries

1. The phased identification of historic properties, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(2), may involve situations wherein cultural resource inventories cannot identify all cultural resources that are present because:
 - a. Buried deposits may have no accompanying surface manifestation but are encountered during construction; or
 - b. Construction proceeds prior to the acquisition of all new rights-of-way or easement; or
 - c. Changes in the scope of work, design, or project area introduce the need for additional survey; or

- d. Cultural resources become greater than 50 years of age subsequent to the last inventory
2. In such cases, subsequent Tier 2 agreement documents developed pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.6 and 800.14(b) will include a provision for the implementation of post-review identification and evaluation efforts, as applicable to the particular Tier 2 project.

G. Assessment of Effects

1. If historic properties (*sensu* 36 CFR § 800.16[I][1]) are identified within a Tier 2 APE, ADOT shall apply the criteria of adverse effects in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.5.
2. For the purpose of this Agreement, the Tier 1 review, and all subsequent Tier 2 projects, cultural resources that have not been evaluated for NRHP eligibility shall be presumed to be and treated as eligible until such time as they can be and have been evaluated.
3. Following the application of these criteria, ADOT shall make a determination of project effects upon historic properties. The following findings of effect are available:
 - a. “*No historic properties affected*,” pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1), indicates that either:
 - (1) The Tier 2 APE has been adequately surveyed and found to contain no historic properties, or
 - (2) The Tier 2 project’s scope of work is such that completion of the project will have no effect on historic properties.
 - b. “*No adverse effect*,” pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.5(b), indicates that:
 - (1) The Tier 2 APE has been adequately surveyed and was found to contain historic properties or cultural resources unevaluated for NRHP eligibility; and
 - (2) The Tier 2 project’s scope of work is such that completion of the project would not adversely affect qualifying characteristics of a historic property that make it eligible for listing in the NRHP *or* any characteristics of an unevaluated resource that *might* make it NRHP-eligible. The absence of adverse effects may be inherent to project design or result from changes thereto (e.g., avoidance).
 - c. “*Adverse effect*,” pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.5(d)(2), indicates that:

- (1) The Tier 2 APE is known to include an historic property or cultural resource unevaluated for NRHP eligibility, and
 - (2) The Tier 2 project's scope of work is such that ADOT knows, or has reason to believe, that completion of the project would have or could be reasonably anticipated to have an adverse effect on the qualifying characteristic of the historic property making it NRHP-eligible.
4. ADOT shall share its finding of effect for each Tier 2 project through Section 106 consultation letter, with all consulting parties, including the ACHP. This consultation letter shall include, at minimum:
 - a. ADOT's finding of Tier 2 project effect.
 - b. A descriptive justification for the finding of effect.
 - c. If a finding of "adverse effect" is deemed appropriate for the project, ADOT shall:
 - (1) Identify all historic properties that would be adversely affected, or unevaluated cultural resources that could be adversely affected and
 - (2) Propose means through which adverse effects might be avoided, minimized, or mitigated
5. The distribution of ADOT's finding of project effect will initiate a 35-calendar-day review and comment period.
 - a. Consultation regarding ADOT's finding of project effect may occur alongside consultation pertaining to the definition of a Tier 2 APE (Stipulation IIIV.B), the identification of cultural resources (Stipulation III.C), the evaluation of NRHP eligibility (Stipulation III.D), and the distribution of cultural resource reports (Stipulation III.E).
 - b. Consultation regarding ADOT's finding of project effect shall follow the process described above, in Stipulations III.E.1–8.
6. Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.10 and Section 110(f) of the NHPA, ADOT shall notify the Secretary of the Interior (represented by the National Park Service's [NPS'] Intermountain Regional Program Coordinator) when any Tier 2 project may adversely affect a National Historic Landmark (NHL), and ADOT shall invite the NPS to participate as a consulting party and Concurring Party.
7. When the effects of a Tier 2 project do not satisfy the Criteria of Adverse Effect (36 CFR § 800.5[a][I]), ADOT may determine that there are "no historic properties affected" or "no adverse effects" upon historic properties within the Tier 2 APE, pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.5(b) or 800.4(d)(1). Such determination may likewise be appropriate if the project can be modified to avoid adverse

effects, or if conditions agreed upon by SHPO are imposed to avoid adverse effects, such as rehabilitation consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* (36 CFR Part 68) and applicable guidelines.

8. If questions, recommendations, objections, or proposed changes are received after the close of the final review period, ADOT shall make good faith efforts to respond and address these. However, ADOT shall have no obligation to reconsider or alter the finding of effect.
9. Any findings of Tier 2 project effect made by ADOT shall not be considered final unless and until ADOT receives concurrence from SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate.

H. Treatment Of Historic Properties

1. Tier 2 Section 106 Agreement Documents

- a. In accordance with 36 CFR §§ 800.6 and 800.14(b), ADOT shall develop or implement an appropriate Tier 2 Section 106 agreement document for all Tier 2 projects wherein ADOT determines there may be an adverse effect upon historic properties or wherein phased identification (see Stipulation III.F) is necessary and adverse effects may be incurred. Such agreement documents may consist of a project-specific MOA, project-specific PA, or the use of an existing PA (see Stipulation III.H.1.b, below). No Tier 2 agreement document shall conflict with this Agreement.
- b. As applicable and appropriate, ADOT may utilize Attachment 6 (see Attachment F to this Agreement) of the *Programmatic Agreement Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Regarding Implementation of Federal-Aid Transportation Projects in the State of Arizona* (hereafter, the statewide PA, executed September 23, 2020 by FHWA, SHPO, and ADOT) in lieu of a project-specific MOA or PA.
 - (1) The use of Attachment 6 to the statewide PA in lieu of a project-specific MOA or PA requires that each of the following agrees to such use:
 - i. ADOT
 - ii. SHPO
 - iii. ACHP (unless ACHP has declined participation for that particular project)
 - iv. Land-owning or land-managing public agencies with jurisdictional authority over the Tier 2 APE or segments thereof.

- (2) The use of Attachment 6 to the statewide PA in lieu of a project-specific MOA or PA must correspond with the development and implementation of a project-specific HPTP tailored to the historic properties within the Tier 2 APE that are subject to adverse effects.
 - (3) For all Tier 2 projects where ADOT has determined, pursuant to Stipulation III.G.3.c, that historic properties may be adversely affected, ADOT shall notify ACHP in writing of said determination and invite ACHP to participate in the development of a project-specific MOA or PA, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1)(i)(c), or concur with the use of Attachment 6 to the statewide PA in lieu of a project-specific MOA or PA.
- c. If a project-specific MOA or PA is developed by ADOT, it shall:
- (1) Identify, consider, and direct measures to ensure, to the extent possible, maximum avoidance, minimization, and protective measures for historic properties within the Tier 2 APE. Such measures shall include, but are not limited to, preservation in place, project design changes, archaeological testing, modification of determinations, and response to unanticipated discoveries.
 - (2) Include or make reference to a project-specific HPTP (see Stipulation III.H.2, below).
 - (3) Describe reporting standards in relation to the project-specific HPTP.
- d. For any project-specific MOA or PA developed during Tier 2, all public agencies owning or managing lands within the Tier 2 project's APE and/or having permitting jurisdiction or historic property preservation responsibilities within the Tier 2 APE shall be Invited Signatories to the applicable Tier 2 Section 106 agreement document.
- e. Pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.11(e)–(g), views of the public will be considered and included in individual Tier 2 MOAs or PAs, as practicable and appropriate.
- f. Upon review, execution, and implementation of the project-specific MOA or PA, or the implementation of Attachment 6 to the statewide PA in lieu thereof, compliance with Section 106 will be considered concluded for the respective Tier 2 project.
2. Historic Property Treatment Plans (HPTPs)
- a. For each Tier 2 project wherein ADOT has identified the potential for adverse effects upon historic properties, ADOT shall develop an appropriate HPTP in consultation with all consulting parties.

- b. The HPTP will take into consideration the concerns of all consulting parties in determining the measures to be implemented.
 - c. The consulting process through which the HPTP is developed shall indicate that the HPTP will be incorporated into the project-specific MOA or project-specific PA, or used in tandem with Attachment 6 of the Statewide PA, in which case Attachment 6 shall be appended.
 - d. The Tier 2 HPTP will provide detailed descriptions of treatment measures for historic properties that would or would likely be affected by the project, along with measures to be taken to protect historic properties and to avoid further adverse effects thereupon.
 - e. The Tier 2 HPTP will provide detailed descriptions of protection measures for archaeological resources and resources of importance to the Tribes for reasons of religious or cultural affinity, including but not limited to:
 - (1) Compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (25 USC § 3001 et seq.)
 - (2) Compliance with those portions of the Arizona State Historic Preservation Act and Arizona Antiquities Act as they pertain to graves and human remains (to wit ARS Title 41 §§ 841.A, 844, and 865)
 - (3) Coordination with the Tribes and affected Native American cultural organizations
 - f. The HPTP shall conform to the principles of ACHP's *Treatment of Archaeological Properties: A Handbook* (Parts I and II), the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation* (48 FR 44716—44742), and other relevant guidance.
 - g. The HPTP will include, at minimum, the content outlined in Attachment E (HPTP Minimum Elements).
3. HPTP Review
- a. Consulting Party Review
 - (1) ADOT shall provide a draft HPTP to all consulting parties for a 35-calendar-day review and comment period. This submission may co-occur or coincide with other elements of Section 106 consultation.
 - (2) Based on comments received, the HPTP will be revised if necessary and resubmitted for a subsequent 14-calendar-day review and comment period.

- (3) If consulting parties fail to provide comments within the above-referenced periods, ADOT shall contact the non-responsive party and confirm that no response is forthcoming. If the non-responsive party declines to provide comments or cannot be contacted, ADOT may proceed with the finalization and implementation of the HPTP.
- (4) The HPTP can be amended by ADOT without amending the project-specific MOA, project-specific PA, or Attachment 6 to the statewide PA.
- (5) Disputes concerning the HPTP will be addressed in accordance with the terms of Stipulation VI (*Dispute Resolution*).

4. HPTP Implementation

- a. The HPTP shall be implemented after the execution of a project-specific MOA, the execution of a project-specific PA, or the above-described concurrence to utilize Attachment 6 to the statewide PA.
- b. The HPTP shall be implemented before the commencement of construction activities
- c. Depending on the nature of the treatment described in the HPTP, the treatment may not be completed until after construction is completed.
- d. Termination of a Tier 2 project after initiation of the HPTP will require completion of any work in progress (see Stipulation III.K, below) and the HPTP's amendment, as described below. Amendments to the HPTP will be incorporated by written agreement among the Signatories and Invited Signatories to the project-specific MOA or project-specific PA or, if Attachment 6 of the statewide PA is used in lieu of such instruments, those parties described in Stipulation III.H.1.b(1).
- e. If a western build alternative is selected, all Tier 2 projects shall respect ADOT's commitment to assess and evaluate site AZ U:14:73(ASM) as a potential TCP.
- f. Dispute Resolution
 - (1) Those parties involved in the development and implementation of the HPTP will seek agreement on the treatment prescribed in the project-specific MOA or project-specific PA or Attachment 6 of the statewide PA, as applicable, and the HPTP.
 - (2) If such parties are unable to agree on the appropriate resolution of adverse effects, ADOT shall follow those procedures outlined in Stipulation VI (*Dispute Resolution*).

I. Professional Qualification Standards

For each Tier 2 project, ADOT shall ensure that activities carried out under the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be performed by or under the direct supervision of persons meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards (48 FR 44738-9), Section 112(a)(1)(A) of the NHPA, 36 CFR § 800.2(a)(1), and terms of any permits issued for archaeological investigations.

J. Permitting and Curation

1. Any Tier 2 archaeological investigation on federal lands will be conducted in accordance with a permit issued by the applicable federal land managing agency in accordance with the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA; 16 USC §§ 470aa—mm).
2. Any Tier 2 archaeological investigations on municipal, county, and state lands will be conducted in accordance with an AAA permit issued by ASM pursuant to ARS Title 41 § 842.
3. All materials and records resulting from Tier 2 archaeological investigations shall be curated in accordance with 36 CFR Part 79 and any applicable tribal or federal land managing agency's direction or policy.

K. Suspension or Termination of Tier 2 Projects

1. If any Tier 2 project is suspended or terminated for any reason:
 - a. ADOT shall notify the consulting parties of the suspension or termination in writing.
 - b. In-process mitigation will be completed in conformance with the appropriate plan and to the extent applicable, in accordance with Stipulations III.K.2–4, below. This includes avoidance, minimization, and mitigation efforts designed to reduce or eliminate adverse effects to historic properties.
 - (1) ADOT shall ensure that any in-process data recovery fieldwork is completed and that all analysis, interpretation, reporting, curation of artifacts, and repatriation of remains is completed within one year of project suspension or termination.
 - (2) For mitigation other than data recovery, ADOT shall, in consultation with SHPO and/or THPO, as applicable, and relevant land-managing agencies, develop and implement a plan for completion of the mitigation within one year of the suspension or termination.
 - c. ADOT shall ensure that completed reports are submitted for review as described in Stipulation III.E, above.
2. ADOT's obligations under this Agreement are subject to the availability of appropriated funds from state and federal sources. ADOT shall make reasonable

and good faith efforts to secure the necessary funds to implement all Tier 2 aspects of this Agreement.

3. If inadequate funding impairs ADOT's ability to implement the stipulations of this Agreement, the Signatories and Invited Signatories shall consult in accordance with Stipulation VI, below, in order to amend this Agreement.
4. If inadequate funding prevents ADOT from implementing the stipulations of this Agreement, ADOT may terminate the Agreement in accordance with Stipulation VII.A, below.

IV. CONFIDENTIALITY

- A. SHPO and federal agencies managing federal lands may withhold information about the location, character, or ownership of an historic property provided the requirements of Section 304 (54 USC § 307103) of the NHPA and 36 CFR § 800.11(c) are met.
- B. Federal agencies managing federal lands may withhold information about the nature and location of archaeological resources pursuant to Section 9(a) (16 USC §§ 470cc[d] and 470hh) of the ARPA and its implementing regulation (43 CFR § 7.18).
- C. State agencies managing lands owned or controlled by the State of Arizona may withhold information related to the location of archaeological discoveries pursuant to 41 ARS § 841 and 39 ARS § 125, or places or objects included in or which may qualify for inclusion in the Arizona Register of Historic Places pursuant to 41 ARS § 511.04.A.9.
- D. Pursuant to this stipulation, the Signatories, Invited Signatories, and Concurring Parties agree to appropriately safeguard and control the distribution of any confidential information they may receive as a result of their participation in this Agreement. Such safeguarded information is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC § 552) as provided by Section 304 of the NHPA and Section 9(a) of the ARPA.

V. AMENDMENTS

- A. In accordance with 36 CFR § 800.6(c)(7), any Signatory that determines that the terms of this Agreement will not or cannot be carried out or that an amendment to its terms is needed, that party shall immediately notify ADOT in writing, proposing an amendment. ADOT shall thereafter draft an amendment reflecting the proposal and forward said draft to the Signatories and Concurring Parties to this Agreement.
- B. The Signatories to this Agreement will consult for a period not to exceed 35 calendar days to review and consider the proposed amendment.
- C. If, after taking into account any comments received from each of the Signatories to this Agreement, the Signatories unanimously agree that the proposed amendment is

appropriate, ADOT shall facilitate the signing of the amendment by the Signatories and, should they so choose, the Concurring Parties.

- D. The amendment will be effective on the date a copy is signed by all Signatories. ADOT shall file any amendments with the ACHP and provide copies of the amendments to the Concurring Parties for their records.
- E. If a proposed amendment is substantive in nature, ADOT shall include all consulting parties in the process described above (Stipulations V.A–C). Input from consulting parties other than Signatories to this Agreement shall be taken into account during consideration of the proposed amendment. Consulting parties other than Signatories to this Agreement need not concur with the proposed amendment in order for it to be executed.
- F. In the event that a federal agency wishes, at a later date, to use this Agreement in order to satisfy their Section 106 responsibilities in association with federal undertakings inside the NSC Freeway’s ultimate right-of-way and/or easement, that agency may petition ADOT in writing, requesting they be added as an Invited Signatory or have their status changed from Concurring Party to Invited Signatory, as appropriate and by way of Stipulations V.A–E, above.

VI. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. Should any Signatory, Invited Signatory, or Concurring Party to this Agreement, consulting party to this Undertaking, or member of the public object to any action, plan, or report provided for review during Tier 1 and pursuant to the terms of this Agreement alone, ADOT shall consult with the objecting party to resolve the objection.
 - 1. Such objection must be received within 30 calendar days of the offensive action, plan, or receipt of report.
 - 2. The objection and reasons for an objection must be specifically documented in writing.
 - 3. If the objection cannot be resolved, ADOT shall notify the Signatories and Concurring Parties to this Agreement of the objection and shall thereafter:
 - a. Forward all documentation relevant to the dispute to the ACHP in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(b)(2). Any comment provided by the ACHP, and all comments from the consulting parties to this Agreement, will be taken into account by ADOT in reaching a final decision regarding the dispute.
 - b. If the ACHP does not provide any comments regarding the dispute within 30 calendar days of receiving adequate documentation, ADOT may render a decision regarding the dispute. In reaching its decision, ADOT will take into account all written comments regarding the dispute from the consulting parties to the Agreement.

- c. ADOT will notify all consulting parties of its decision in writing before implementing that portion of the Undertaking subject to dispute under this stipulation. ADOT's decision will be a final agency decision.
4. It is the responsibility of ADOT to carry out all other actions subject to the terms of this Agreement that are not the subject of the dispute.

VII. TERMINATION

- A. Should ADOT terminate this Agreement due to insufficiency of funds, pursuant to Stipulation III.K.4, they shall notify the other Signatories in writing, citing Stipulations III.K.4 and VII.A, and providing explanation as to why available funding cannot sustain compliance with this Agreement. This Agreement would thereafter be terminated in its entirety.
- B. Should any Signatory to this Agreement elect to terminate this Agreement for reasons other than insufficiency of funds:
 1. The Signatory proposing termination shall provide written notice to the other Signatories and Concurring Parties, providing reason for the proposed termination.
 2. The Signatories and Concurring Parties shall consult for a period no less than 35 calendar days to seek agreement on amendments (see Stipulation V, above) or other actions that would avoid termination.
 3. Should such consultation result in an agreement or an alternative to termination, the Signatories and Concurring Parties shall proceed in accordance with that approach.
 4. If a Signatory individually terminates their participation in the Agreement, the Agreement is terminated in its entirety and ADOT shall thereafter comply with 36 CFR §§ 800.4–6 during Tier 2 projects.
- C. Should this Agreement be terminated for any reason, ADOT shall retain Tier 2 responsibilities for Section 106 compliance. The subsequent treatment of adverse effects to historic properties would proceed in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800 or through the development and implementation of a new agreement document pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.6 and 800.14(b).

VIII. AGREEMENT REVIEW

Following the execution of this Agreement and until such time as all stipulations herein are implemented or the Agreement expires or is terminated, ADOT shall, no later than January 30 of each year, prepare and provide to all Signatories and Concurring Parties a synopsis of work undertaken pursuant to the Agreement's terms during the preceding 12 months, should such be requested by a Signatory or Consulting Party. Any Signatory to

this Agreement may request a meeting of Signatories and Concurring Parties to review the effectiveness and application of this Agreement.

IX. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be null and void if its terms are not carried out by the end of 2040, unless the signatories agree in writing to an extension for carrying out its terms.

X. COUNTERPART SIGNATURES

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

The execution of this Agreement by ADOT, ACHP, and SHPO, and its subsequent filing with the ACHP, is evidence that ADOT has afforded ACHP an opportunity to comment on the Undertaking and its effects on historic properties, and that ADOT has taken into account the effects of the Undertaking on historic properties.

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SIGNATORIES

Arizona Department of Transportation

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

SIGNATORIES

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: Reid J. Nelson Title: Acting Executive Director

SIGNATORIES

Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: Kathryn Leonard Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

CONCURRING PARTY

Ak-Chin Indian Community

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

CONCURRING PARTY

Arizona Army National Guard/Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

CONCURRING PARTY

Arizona Public Service

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

CONCURRING PARTY

Arizona State Land Department

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

CONCURRING PARTY

Arizona State Museum

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Printed Name: Patrick Lyons Title: Director.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs, San Carlos Irrigation Project

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Bureau of Land Management (Tucson Field Office)

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Bureau of Land Management (Hassayampa Field Office)

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Bureau of Reclamation

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City of Apache Junction

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City of Coolidge

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Central Arizona Project

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Federal Railroad Administration

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Federal Transit Administration

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Gila River Indian Community

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Hopi Tribe

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Pascua Yaqui Tribe

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Pinal County

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National Park Service (Casa Grande National Monument)

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Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

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National Park Service (Intermountain Region)

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Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

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San Carlos Apache Tribe

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

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Tohono O'odham Nation

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Tonto Apache Tribe

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Town of Florence

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Town of Queen Creek

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Tucson Electric Power

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Union Pacific Railroad

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Western Area Power Administration

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Yavapai-Apache Nation

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Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe

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FIRST RENEWED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division,
and the
Arizona Department of Transportation

State Assumption of Responsibility for Categorical Exclusions

THIS FIRST RENEWED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) made and entered into on January 4, 2021, by and between the FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“FHWA”) and the STATE of Arizona, acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“State”), hereby provides as follows:

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, Section 326 of amended Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C. § 326) allows the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (“DOT Secretary”), to assign, and a State to assume, responsibility for determining whether certain designated activities are included within classes of action that are categorically excluded from requirements for environmental assessments or environmental impact statements pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality under part 1500 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”) (as in effect on October 1, 2003); and

Whereas, if a State assumes such responsibility for making categorical exclusion (“CE”) determinations under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq. (“NEPA”), the DOT Secretary also may assign and the State may assume all or part of certain Federal responsibilities for environmental review, consultation, or other related actions required; and

Whereas, on January 3, 2018, the FHWA and the State executed a MOU assigning responsibilities to the State pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 326 for a three-year period, expiring on January 3, 2021 (“Original Section 326 MOU”); and

Whereas, on April 16, 2019, the FHWA and the State executed a new MOU assigning certain responsibilities to the State under the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program, 23 U.S.C. § 327 (“Section 327 MOU”), which is separate from and does not supersede the assignment of authority for CEs under the Section 326 MOU;

Whereas, the Section 327 MOU expressly assigns FHWA’s responsibilities for NEPA and certain other environmental laws to ADOT with respect to specified “highway projects,” including among others: “highway projects qualifying for CEs within the State of Arizona that are proposed to be funded with Title 23 funds or that otherwise require FHWA approvals, and that do not qualify for assignment of responsibilities pursuant to the Section 326 MOU;”

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Whereas, FHWA and the State seek to extend the existing assignment of responsibilities to the State for an additional three-year period, pursuant to a new MOU (“First Renewed Section 326 MOU” or “MOU”);

Whereas, on October 28, 2020, the FHWA published a notice of the availability of the proposed First Renewed Section 326 MOU in the Federal Register and provided a thirty (30) day opportunity for comment in the USDOT Docket Management System FHWA-2020-0022; and

Whereas, on December 3, 2020, the State published the proposed a notice of availability of the First Renewed Section 326 MOU on its website at <https://azdot.gov/business/environmental-planning/ce-assignment-and-nepa-assignment> and provided a thirty (30) day opportunity for comment; and

Whereas, the State and the FHWA have considered the comments received on the First Renewed Section 326 MOU and the State’s overall performance in the Program evaluated through ADOT self-assessments and FHWA monitoring as required by 23 U.S.C. 326(c)(5); and

Whereas, the DOT Secretary, acting by and through FHWA, has determined that specific designated activities are CEs and that it will assign specific responsibilities with respect to CEs to the State in accordance with this MOU; and

Whereas, the State wishes to assume such Federal agency responsibilities in accordance with this MOU and applicable law;

Now, therefore, FHWA and the State agree as follows:

STIPULATIONS

I. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO THE STATE BY FHWA

- A. For the projects covered by this MOU, FHWA hereby assigns, and the State hereby assumes, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in 23 U.S.C. § 326 and this MOU, the responsibility for determining whether a proposed “highway project” is within the category of action that has been designated as a CE by the DOT Secretary, as specified in Stipulation I(B), and meets the definition of a CE as provided in 40 CFR 1508.1(d) (as in effect on September 14, 2020) and 23 CFR 771.117(a) and (b). “Highway project” means any undertaking that is eligible for financial assistance under title 23 U.S.C. and for which the Federal Highway Administration has primary responsibility. For further details see 23 CFR 773.103. For the purposes of this MOU, “highway project” includes eligible preventative maintenance activities. This assignment applies only to projects for which the Arizona Department of Transportation is the direct recipient of Federal-aid highway program funding or is the project sponsor or cosponsor for a project requiring approval by the FHWA-Arizona Division

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Office. This assignment does not apply to responsibilities carried out by other modal administrations of the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) or the Office of the Secretary.

- B. This assignment pertains only to the designated activities described in this Stipulation I(B).
 - 1. The assignment includes the following:
 - a. Activities listed in 23 CFR 771.117(c);
 - b. The example activities listed in 23 CFR 771.117(d); and
 - 2. Any activities added through FHWA rulemaking to those listed in 23 CFR 771.117(c) or example activities listed in 23 CFR 771.117(d) after the date of the execution of this MOU.
- C. This MOU transfers to the State all responsibility for processing the CEs designated in Stipulation I(B) of this MOU, including any necessary CE approval actions. The State shall process all proposed projects that are CE candidates (CE projects), and any required reevaluations of CEs under 23 CFR 771.129 for CE projects not completed prior to the date of this MOU, in accordance with the provisions of this MOU. With respect to matters covered by and subject to the terms of this MOU, this MOU supersedes any existing programmatic agreement that is solely between the State and FHWA concerning CEs in Stipulation I(B).
- D. The State, when acting pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 326 and this MOU, holds assigned authority to make environmental decisions and commitments pertaining to only the individual proposed projects and activities within the scope of 23 U.S.C. § 326 and this MOU. No action by the State shall bind FHWA to future action of any kind. No determination or agreement made by the State with respect to mitigation or other activities shall constitute a precedent for future determinations, agreements, or actions in the Federal-aid highway program unless FHWA consents, in writing, to such commitment.
- E. Prior to approving any CE determination the State shall ensure and document that for any proposed project the design concept, scope, and funding are consistent with the current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as applicable.

II. OTHER FHWA RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO THE STATE AND RESPONSIBILITIES RESERVED BY FHWA

- A. For projects covered by this MOU, FHWA hereby assigns, and the State hereby assumes, the following FHWA responsibilities for environmental review,

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consultation, or other related actions required under Federal laws and Executive Orders applicable to CE projects: See Appendix A for a description of the environmental responsibilities assigned to the State by the FHWA for proposed projects subject to this MOU. This assignment includes the transfer to the State of the obligation to fulfill the assigned environmental responsibilities associated with any proposed projects meeting the criteria in Stipulation I(B) that were determined to be CEs prior to the effective date of this MOU but the project has not been completed. Such projects are included in the term “proposed projects” in this MOU.

- B. The FHWA reserves any responsibility for any environmental review, consultation, or other related action that is not expressly assigned under this MOU, including:
1. All government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(m). Notice from the State to an Indian tribe advising the Indian tribe of a proposed activity is not considered “government-to-government consultation” within the meaning of this MOU. If the State adequately resolves any project-specific Indian tribe issues or concerns, then FHWA’s role in the environmental process shall be limited to carrying out the government-to-government consultation process. FHWA, according to the terms of this MOU, shall initiate government-to-government consultation for an assigned project with any Indian tribe who directly contacts FHWA (via written or oral communication) to make such a request and identifies one or more highway projects in that request. If FHWA determines through consultation with an Indian tribe, or an Indian tribe indicates to FHWA, that the proposed resolution of tribal issues or concerns by the State is not adequate, then Stipulation III(C) applies. This MOU is not intended to abrogate, or prevent future entry into, any written agreement among the State, FHWA, and an Indian tribe under which the tribe agrees to permit the State to administer government-to-government consultation activities for FHWA. However, such agreements are administrative in nature and do not relieve FHWA of its legal responsibility for government-to-government consultation.
- C. The State and FHWA will develop and document procedures for carrying out FHWA responsibilities retained by FHWA under Stipulation II(B), including how FHWA will communicate any decisions to the State for inclusion in the State's decision-making under Stipulations I and II(A). The procedures will ensure that:
1. The State provides to FHWA any information necessary in order for FHWA to carry out its consultation, evaluation, or decision-making for Stipulation II(B) activities;
 2. The FHWA provides the State with a documented decision and any related information used for Stipulation II(B) decisions and needed by the State in

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order for the State to evaluate the project and make its decision whether the project qualifies as a CE; and

3. As part of any request for FHWA authorization for funding or other action, the State will provide to FHWA evidence that the State processed the CE and any other environmental responsibilities assigned under this agreement in accordance with this MOU. This evidence demonstrates that (1) all NEPA review and compliance requirements have been met, (2) that the CE determination remains valid, and (3) that the scope of work of the project has not changed and that the project incorporates all environmental commitments, 23 CFR 771.109(d).
- D. The State agrees that its execution of environmental review, reevaluation, consultation, and other related responsibilities for CEs assigned under this MOU are subject to the same existing and future procedural and substantive requirements as if those responsibilities were carried out by FHWA. This includes, but is not limited to, the responsibilities of FHWA under interagency agreements such as programmatic agreements, memoranda of understanding, memoranda of agreement, and other similar documents that relate to the environmental review process for CE projects. If such interagency agreements are between the State and FHWA only, then the assignment occurs automatically upon the signing of this MOU for projects covered by this MOU. If the interagency agreement involves signatories other than FHWA and the State, then FHWA and the State will work to obtain any necessary consents or amendments (see Appendix B). Such actions include:
1. Consulting with the other parties to obtain written consent to the continuation of the interagency agreement in its existing form, but with the substitution through assignment of the State for FHWA with respect to interagency agreement provisions applicable to CE projects;
 2. Negotiating with the other parties to amend the interagency agreement as needed so that the interagency agreement continues but that the State assumes FHWA's responsibilities with respect to CE projects.
 3. If a third party does not agree to the assignment or amendment of the interagency agreement, then to the extent permitted by applicable law and regulation, the State must carry out the assigned environmental review, consultation, or other related activity in accordance with applicable laws and regulations but without the benefit of the provisions of the interagency agreement.
- E. The State shall carry out the assigned consultation, review and coordination activities in a timely and proactive manner. The State shall make all reasonable and good faith efforts to identify and resolve conflicts with Federal agencies, State and local agencies, Indian tribes as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(m), and the public during the consultation and review process.

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III. ACTIONS, CONDITIONS, OR DETERMINATIONS THAT EXCLUDE DESIGNATED ACTIVITIES FROM ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this MOU, any activity that does not satisfy the criteria for the CE categories described in Stipulation I(B) is **excluded** from this assignment. Exclusion also may occur at any time during the environmental process if the State determines that the project fails to meet the CE criteria. The provisions of Stipulation IV(C) apply to such cases.
- B. Because the State assumes responsibility for environmental processing of the CEs designated in this MOU, FHWA no longer will be responsible for conducting the environmental review, consultation or other related actions assigned under this MOU (see Stipulation XI). However, in furtherance of its stewardship and oversight responsibilities, FHWA will evaluate the State's environmental processing of any project if FHWA has any reason to believe that the State's performance with respect to the project does not satisfy the terms and conditions of this MOU. The scope of the evaluation will be commensurate with the potential problem. If FHWA subsequently determines that the State's performance does not satisfy the terms and conditions of this MOU, then FHWA will take action to resolve the problem. Such action may include action to facilitate the State's compliance with the MOU, or action to exclude the project from assignment under this MOU. The provisions of Stipulation X(A)-X(E) apply to such FHWA-initiated exclusion.
- C. If a project-related concern or issue is raised in the coordination of project review with an Indian tribe, as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(m), and either the Indian tribe or FHWA determines that the issue or concern will not be satisfactorily resolved by the State, then FHWA may reassume responsibility for processing the project or an individual responsibility assumed by the State. The FHWA shall notify the State that the project will be excluded from this MOU. The provisions of Stipulation X(A)-X(E) apply to such FHWA-initiated exclusion.

IV. STATE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Compliance with governing laws, regulations and MOU. The State shall make all determinations under this MOU in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(a) and (b) and succeeding regulations. All actions by the State in carrying out its responsibilities under this MOU shall comply with, and be consistent with, the coordination provisions of Stipulation II and all applicable Federal laws, regulations, Executive Orders, policies, and formal guidance. The State also shall comply with State and local laws to the extent applicable.
 - 1. Failure to meet the requirements of Stipulation IV(A) is grounds for a decision by FHWA to terminate this MOU pursuant to Stipulation IX(A) if FHWA determines, after good-faith consultation with the State, that there is

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an irreconcilable material conflict between a provision of State law, regulation, policy, or guidance and applicable Federal law, regulation, policy, or guidance, and FHWA reasonably determines that such conflict is preventing the State from meeting its Stipulation IV(A) obligations. The grounds for such decision may include, but are not limited to, the mere existence of the conflict (i.e., on its face) and/or the effect of the conflict on the State's decision(s) on proposed CE project(s) (i.e., as applied).

2. FHWA will post official DOT and FHWA guidance and policies relating to environmental review matters online at its website, or will send such guidance and policies to the State electronically or in hard copy.
 3. After the effective date of this MOU, the FHWA will use its best efforts to ensure that it communicates to the State any new or revised FHWA policies and guidance that are final and applicable to the State's performance under this MOU within ten (10) calendar days of issuance. Delivery may be accomplished by e-mail, mail, by publication in the *Federal Register*, or by means of a publicly available online posting including at the sites noted above. If communicated to the State by e-mail or mail, FHWA may send such material to the party specified in this MOU to receive notices, or to the Arizona Department of Transportation Environmental Planning Administrator.
 4. In the event that a new or revised FHWA policy or guidance is not made available to the State as described in the preceding paragraph, and if the State had no actual knowledge of such policy or guidance, then a failure by the State to comply with such Federal policy or guidance will not be a basis for termination under this MOU.
 5. The State will work with all other appropriate Federal agencies concerning the laws, guidance, and policies relating to any Federal laws that such other agencies administer.
 6. In order to minimize the likelihood of a conflict as described in Stipulation IV(A)(1) above, after the effective date of this MOU the State will use its best efforts to ensure that it communicates to FHWA any proposed new or revised State laws, regulations, policies, or guidance that are applicable to the State's performance under this MOU so that FHWA may review and comment before they become final. Delivery may be accomplished by e-mail, mail, or personal delivery. If communicated to FHWA by e-mail or mail, such material may be sent to the party specified in this MOU to receive notices for FHWA.
- B. Processing projects assigned under the MOU: State identification, documentation, and review of effects. For projects and other activities assigned under Stipulations I(A)-(B) that the State determines are included in the classes of CE assigned to the State under this MOU, the State shall:

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1. Institute and maintain the process to identify and review the environmental effects of the proposed project.
2. Carry out the other environmental responsibilities that are assigned under this MOU, as necessary or appropriate for the activity;
3. Document in the project file the CE findings and completion of all applicable FHWA responsibilities assigned under Stipulations I and II;
4. For CE's other than those designated in 23 CFR 771.117(c), carry out a review of proposed CE determinations, including consideration of the environmental analysis and project file documentation, prior to the States' approval of the CE determination. The process shall include, at a minimum, review of the documentation and proposed determination by a competent reviewer who is not a preparer of the CE documentation.
5. Document its approval of the determination using, at a minimum, the printed name, title, and date of the State official approving the determination;
6. Include the following determination statement when documenting the CE findings:

“The State has determined that this project has no significant impact(s) on the environment and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement under NEPA. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out, the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated January 4, 2021, executed between FHWA and the State.”

7. Document in the project file the specific categorically excluded activity, the CE finding, including the determination that the project has no significant impact(s) on the environment, there are no unusual circumstances (23 CFR 771.117(b)), and completion of all applicable FHWA responsibilities assigned under Stipulations I and II.
- C. Excluded projects and CE activities not assigned: determination and documentation. For projects that are candidates for CE classification but that the State determines should be excluded from processing under this assignment, the State shall:
1. Document the exclusion findings in the project file, including the reason for the finding; and
 2. Proceed with documentation and review of the project under the appropriate NEPA procedures in accordance with the Section 327 MOU.

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- D. Required State resources, qualifications, expertise, standards, and training. The State must maintain adequate organizational and staff capability and expertise to effectively carry out the responsibilities assigned to it under this MOU. This includes, without limitation:
1. Using appropriate technical and managerial expertise to perform the functions required under this MOU and applicable laws, regulations, policy, and guidance;
 - a. Devoting adequate financial and staff resources to carry out the responsibilities assumed by the State; and
 - b. Demonstrating, in a consistent manner, the capacity to perform the State's responsibilities under the MOU and applicable Federal law.
 2. The State agrees that it shall maintain on its staff or through consultant services all the environmental and other technical expertise needed to carry out its responsibilities under this MOU and 23 U.S.C. § 326. Without limiting the foregoing, when carrying out the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, the State shall comply with 36 CFR 800.2(a)(1). All actions that involve the identification, evaluation, analysis, recording, treatment, monitoring, or disposition of historic properties, or that involve the reporting or documentation of such actions in the form of reports, forms, or other records, shall be carried out by or under the direct supervision of a person or persons who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards (published at 48 FR 44738-44739). The State shall ensure that a staff member, or a consultant, who meets the Professional Qualifications Standards reviews and approves all documentation required under 36 CFR 800.11.
- E. State quality control.
1. The State agrees to carry out regular quality control activities to ensure that its CE determinations are made in accordance with applicable law and this MOU.
 2. At a minimum, the State shall monitor its processes relating to project determinations, environmental analysis, and project file documentation, and check for errors and omissions. The State shall take corrective action as needed. The State shall document its quality control activities and any needed corrective actions taken.
 3. If the State implements training to meet the capability requirements of this MOU or as a corrective action, the State shall be responsible for the training. The State shall provide notice of formal training to FHWA.

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- F. MOU performance monitoring and quality assurance. The FHWA and the State shall cooperate in monitoring performance under this MOU and each party shall modify its practices as needed to assure quality performance by the State and FHWA. Monitoring will include consideration of the technical competency and organizational capacity of the State, as well as the State's performance of its CE processing functions. Performance considerations will include, without limitation, the quality and consistency of the State's project determinations, adequacy and capability of the resources applied by the State, and the quality and consistency of the State's administration of its responsibilities under this MOU. In support of the monitoring efforts:
1. The State shall submit to FHWA a list of the CE determinations and Section 4(f) determinations that the State approved during the previous 12 months (January 1 through December 31), within 15 business days after the end of each annual reporting period. Reduction in reporting frequency, and any revocation of such reduction by FHWA, shall not be deemed an amendment under Stipulation VIII.
 2. The State shall develop a self-assessment report summarizing its performance under this MOU every 12 months. The report will identify any areas where improvement is needed and what measures the State is taking to implement those improvements. The report will include actions taken by the State as part of its quality control efforts under stipulation IV(E). After the State submits the report to the FHWA (electronic or in hard copy), the State shall schedule a follow-up meeting with FHWA at which the parties will discuss the report, the State's performance of this MOU, and the FHWA's monitoring activities.
 3. The State shall maintain electronic project records and general administrative records pertaining to its MOU responsibilities and the projects processed hereunder. The records shall be available for inspection by the FHWA at any time during normal business hours. The State shall provide the FHWA with electronic copies of any documents the FHWA may request within five business days. The State shall retain those records, including all letters and comments received from governmental agencies, the public, and others about the performance of activities assigned under this MOU, for a period of no less than three (3) years after completion of project construction. This 3-year retention provision does not relieve the State of its project or program recordkeeping responsibilities under 2 CFR 200.300 or any other applicable laws, regulations, or policies.
 4. The State shall ensure that project records are available to the public consistent with requirements applicable to Federal agencies under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as amended in 2002) and NEPA.
 5. The FHWA periodically shall review the State's records and may interview

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State staff to evaluate the State's performance under this MOU. These reviews may be coordinated with the review of the State's report under Stipulation IV(F)(2). The FHWA anticipates that, under normal circumstances, it will base its evaluation of the State's performance on a modified version of a typical FHWA CE process review (to view FHWA guidance on how monitoring should occur visit <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/guidance/6004stateassumpt.cfm>).

Modifications to the CE process review will include incorporation of measures specific to the responsibilities assigned to the State pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §326, and will include performance measurements of compliance and timeliness. However, the FHWA reserves the right to determine in its sole discretion the frequency, scope, and procedures used for monitoring activities. The State, by its execution of this MOU acknowledges that it is familiar with the FHWA CE Process Review procedures and with the expected modifications that will be adopted for the purpose of monitoring the State's MOU performance.

6. Nothing in this Stipulation shall prevent FHWA from undertaking other monitoring actions, including audits, with respect to the State's performance of the MOU. The FHWA, in its sole discretion, may require the State to perform such other quality assurance activities, including other types of monitoring, as may be reasonably required to ensure compliance with this MOU, 23 U.S.C. § 326, and other applicable Federal laws and regulations. Such requirement shall not be deemed an amendment under Stipulation VIII.
 7. The State agrees to cooperate with FHWA in all quality assurance activities.
- G. State liability. The State agrees that it is solely responsible and solely liable for complying with and carrying out this MOU, for the performance of all assigned responsibilities as provided by applicable law and for any decisions, actions, or approvals by the State, per 23 U.S.C. § 326(b)(2). The FHWA shall have no responsibility or liability for the performance of responsibilities assigned to the State, including without limitation any decision or approval made by the State. Where the State exercises any assigned authority on a proposed project which FHWA determined to be a CE prior to the January 3, 2018 execution of the Original Section 326 MOU, the State assumes sole environmental review responsibility and liability for any subsequent substantive environmental review action it takes on that project.
- H. Litigation.
1. Nothing in this MOU affects the United States Department of Justice's (hereinafter "USDOJ") authority to litigate claims, including the authority to approve a settlement on behalf of the United States if either FHWA or another agency of the United States is named in such litigation, or if the United States intervenes. In the event FHWA or any other Federal agency is named in litigation related to matters under this MOU, or the United States

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intervenes in the litigation, the State agrees to coordinate with FHWA and any USDOJ or Federal agency attorneys in the defense of that action.

2. The State shall defend all claims brought against the State in connection with its discharge of any responsibility assumed under this MOU. In the event of litigation, the State shall provide qualified and competent legal counsel, including outside counsel if necessary. The State shall provide the defense at its own expense, subject to 23 U.S.C. 326(f) concerning Federal-aid participation in attorney's fees for outside counsel hired by the State. The State shall be responsible for opposing party's attorney's fees and court costs if a court awards those costs to an opposing party, or in the event those costs are part of a settlement agreement.
3. The State will notify the FHWA's Arizona Division Office and USDOJ's Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, within seven (7) calendar days of the State's Legal Division's receipt of service of process of any complaint, concerning discharge of any responsibility assumed under this MOU. The State shall notify FHWA and USDOJ prior to its response to the complaint. In addition, the State shall notify FHWA's Arizona Division Office within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of any notice of intent to sue concerning its discharge of any responsibility assumed under this MOU.
4. The State will provide FHWA's Arizona Division Office and USDOJ copies of any motions, pleadings briefs, or other such documents filed in any case concerning its discharge of any responsibility assumed under this MOU. The State will provide such copies to the FHWA and DOJ within seven (7) calendar days of service of any document, or in the case of any documents filed by or on behalf of the State, within seven (7) calendar days of the date of filing.
5. The State will notify the FHWA's Arizona Division Office and USDOJ prior to settling any lawsuit, in whole or in part, and shall provide the FHWA and USDOJ with a reasonable amount of time of at least ten (10) calendar days, to be extended, if feasible based on the context of the lawsuit, up to a maximum of thirty (30) total calendar days, to review and comment on the proposed settlement. The State will not execute any settlement agreement until: (1) FHWA and USDOJ have provided comments on the proposed settlement; (2) FHWA and USDOJ have indicated that they will not provide comments on the proposed settlement; or (3) the review period has expired, whichever occurs first.
6. Within seven (7) calendar days of receipt by the State, the State will provide notice to FHWA's Arizona Division Office and USDOJ of any court decision on the merits, judgment, and notice of appeal arising out of or relating to the responsibilities the State has assumed under this MOU. The State shall notify FHWA's Arizona Division Office and USDOJ within five (5) days of filing a

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notice of appeal of a court decision. The State shall confer with FHWA and USDOJ regarding the appeal at least forty-five (45) calendar days before filing an appeal brief in the case.

7. The State hereby consents to intervention by FHWA in any action or proceeding arising out of, or relating to, the State's discharge of any responsibility assigned to the State under this MOU.
8. The State's notification to FHWA and USDOJ in subparts IV(H)(3)-(6) shall be made by electronic mail to FHWA_assignment_lit@dot.gov and NRSDOT.enrd@doj.gov, unless otherwise specified by FHWA and USDOJ. For copies of motions, pleadings, briefs, and other documents filed in a case, as identified in subpart IV(H)(4), the State may opt to either send the materials to the email addresses identified above, send hardcopies to the mail address below, or add to the distribution list in the court's electronic filing system (e.g., PACER) the following two email addresses: FHWA_assignment_lit@dot.gov and efile_nrs.enrd@usdoj.gov. FHWA and USDOJ's comments under subparts IV(H)(5)-(6) shall be made by electronic mail to FHWA.Arizona@dot.gov unless otherwise specified by the State. In the event that regular mail is determined necessary, mail should be sent by overnight mail service to:

For USDOJ: Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division at 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 2143, Washington, DC 20530.

For FHWA: Division Administrator, FHWA Arizona Division, 4000 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1500, Phoenix, Arizona 85012-3500

For ADOT: Environmental Planning Administrator, Arizona Department of Transportation, 1611 W. Jackson St., MD EM02, Phoenix, AZ 85007

- I. Federal Register. While the MOU is in effect, if any CE project or program documents are required to be published in the *Federal Register*, such as a notice of final agency action under 23 U.S.C. § 139(l), the State shall transmit such document to the FHWA's Division Office and the FHWA will publish such document in the *Federal Register* on behalf of the State. The State is responsible for the expenses associated with the publishing of such documents in the *Federal Register*, in accordance with guidance issued by the FHWA.
- J. Participation in Resource Agency Reports. The State agrees to provide data and information requested by the FHWA Office of Project Development and Environmental Review and resource agencies, with a cc to the FHWA Arizona Division, for the preparation of national reports to the extent that the information relates to determinations, findings, and proceedings associated with projects processed under this MOU. Such reports include but are not limited to:

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1. Archeology Report requested by the National Park Service;
2. Endangered Species Act Expenditure Reports requested by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service;
3. NEPA Litigation Reports requested by the Council on Environmental Quality; and
4. Environmental Conflict Resolution reports requested by the Council on Environmental Quality.

V. STATE CERTIFICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF JURISDICTION

- A. The State hereby certifies that it has the necessary legal authority and the capacity to:
 1. Accept the assignment under this MOU;
 2. Carry out all the responsibilities assigned to the State; and
 3. Agree to and perform all terms and conditions of the assignment as contained in this MOU and in 23 U.S.C. § 326.
- B. The State consents to and accepts the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the compliance, discharge, and enforcement of any responsibility of the USDOT Secretary that the State assumes under this MOU and 23 U.S.C. § 326. The State understands and agrees that this consent constitutes a waiver of the State's immunity under the Eleventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution for the limited purposes of addressing the compliance, discharge, and enforcement of matters arising out of this MOU and carrying out the USDOT Secretary's responsibilities that that State assumes pursuant to this MOU and 23 U.S.C. § 326. This consent to Federal court jurisdiction shall remain valid after termination of the MOU, or re-assumption of the USDOT Secretary's responsibilities by the FHWA, for any act or omission by the State relating to its compliance, discharge, or enforcement of any responsibility under this MOU or 23 U.S.C. § 326. A valid, binding, and sufficient waiver of the State's sovereign immunity must be in effect at all times that the State acts under the authority of this MOU.

As provided by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 28-334, Arizona waives its immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. If this waiver is withdrawn, then the State's authority to participate in this MOU will end and this MOU will terminate automatically subject to applicable survival and transitional provisions of this MOU.

- C. In accordance with 23 U.S.C. § 326(e), the State agrees that it shall be deemed to be a Federal agency for the purposes of the Federal law(s) under which the

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State exercises any responsibilities pursuant to this MOU and 23 U.S.C. § 326.

- D. The State may not assign or delegate its rights or responsibilities under this MOU to any other agency, political subdivision, or entity, or to any private individual or entity. Without limiting the foregoing, the State understands and agrees that it must retain the environmental decision-making responsibilities assigned to it under this MOU and may not assign or delegate such decision-making responsibilities to consultants or others.
- E. With respect to the public availability of any document or record under the terms of this MOU or the State's open records law, A.R.S. § 39-101 et seq., the State certifies that the laws of the State provide that any decision regarding the release or public availability of a document or record may be legally challenged or reviewed in the courts of the State.
- F. The State certifies that the persons signing this MOU and providing certifications are duly authorized to do so and have the legal authority to:
 - 1. Enter into this MOU on behalf of the State;
 - 2. Make the certifications set forth in this MOU; and
 - 3. Bind the State to the terms and conditions contained in this MOU.
- G. The State further certifies that, in enacting the Arizona Revised Statutes, Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 28-334, the State has waived the State's Eleventh Amendment rights and consented to Federal court jurisdiction with regard to the compliance, discharge and enforcement of any responsibility of the USDOT Secretary that the State assumes under this MOU and 23 U.S.C 326.
- H. The State's Attorney General, by issuing an opinion letter that is addressed to the FHWA Administrator and attached to this MOU, has made the requisite certifications as the State's Chief Legal Officer. A copy of the opinion letter is attached to this MOU as Appendix C.

VI. PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT

- A. The execution of this MOU, and of any amendment or renewal, requires prior public notice and an opportunity for comment.
- B. The State shall publish notice of the availability of this MOU, and any proposed amendment or renewal, for public review and comment and information regarding access to the USDOT Docket Management System on its website.
- C. The FHWA Arizona Division Office shall publish in the Federal Register a notice of availability of this MOU and any proposed amendment or renewal of

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this MOU, for public review and a thirty (30) calendar day comment period. This notice will expressly request comments on any types of activities proposed for assignment under Stipulation I(B), will include a statement of the public availability of supporting documentation for any assignment under Stipulation I(B), and advise the public about how to learn about FHWA's final decision on the proposed MOU, including how to obtain a copy of any resulting final MOU. The FHWA will establish a docket in the USDOT Docket Management System to receive comments.

- D. The State and the FHWA shall consider comments provided by the respondents to the public notices before finalizing the MOU, or any proposed amendment or renewal agreement. Upon completion of the decision-making process, the FHWA shall publish a notice in the *Federal Register* that announces the agency's decision and the execution of the MOU. The notice also will inform the public of the availability in the USDOT Docket Management System of a brief summary of the results of the decision-making process and a copy of any final MOU executed by the State and the FHWA, whether initial, amended, or renewed. The notice also will advise where the final MOU is available on the State's website.
- E. The State agrees that at all times that this MOU is in effect, the State will post on its website (<https://azdot.gov/business/environmental-planning/ce-assignment-and-nepa-assignment>) a notice of the availability to the public, upon request, of copies of the State's biannual reports of CE determinations prepared pursuant to Stipulation IV(F)(1), the State's performance reports prepared pursuant to Stipulation IV(F)(2), and the FHWA performance monitoring reports prepared pursuant to Stipulation IV(F)(5). The FHWA will arrange for the posting of a similar notice on the FHWA's website or create a link from the FHWA's site to the State's site.

VII. INITIAL TERM AND RENEWAL

- A. This MOU shall have a term of three (3) years, beginning on the date of the last signature.
- B. This MOU is renewable for additional terms of three (3) years each if the State requests renewal and the FHWA determines that the State has satisfactorily carried out the provisions of this MOU. In considering any renewal of this MOU, the FHWA will evaluate the effectiveness of the MOU and its overall impact on the environmental review process. The FHWA may decide not to renew the MOU if the FHWA determines that the operation of the MOU has substantial adverse effects on the environmental review process. Such evaluation may include consideration of any effects from the assumption by the State of only some, but less than all, of the FHWA's environmental review, consultation, or other related responsibilities as listed in Stipulation II.
- C. At least six (6) months prior to the end of the initial term and of any renewed

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term of this MOU, the State and the FHWA shall meet to discuss the results of the monitoring and consider any amendments to this MOU. This meeting may be combined with a meeting to discuss performance under the monitoring provisions in Stipulation IV(F)(2) and (F)(5) of this MOU.

- D. If the parties do not renew the MOU, then it shall expire at the end of the term then in effect. The provisions of Stipulation X(A)(4), and X(C)-(E) shall apply.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

- A. Any party to this MOU may request that it be amended, or administratively modified to reflect non-substantive changes, whereupon the parties shall consult to consider such an amendment. Public notice and comment is not required for the parties to agree to a technical non-substantive change.
- B. If, after the required public notice and comment, the parties agree to amend the MOU, then the FHWA and the State may execute an amendment with new signatures and dates of the signatures. The term of the MOU shall remain unchanged unless otherwise expressly stated in the amended MOU. Any amendment that extends the term of the MOU shall be treated as a renewal and the FHWA must make the determinations required for a renewal under Stipulation VII.

IX. TERMINATION

A. Termination by the FHWA

1. As provided at 23 U.S.C. 326(d)(1), FHWA may terminate the State's participation in the Program, in whole or in part, at any time subject to the procedural requirements in 23 U.S.C. 326 and subpart IX(A)(2) below, if:
 - a. FHWA determines that the State is not adequately carrying out the responsibilities assigned to the State under this MOU;
 - b. FHWA provides to the State a written notification of its determination;
 - c. FHWA provides the State a period of at least one-hundred twenty (120) calendar days to take corrective action to comply with this MOU;
 - d. If requested by the Governor of the State, FHWA provides a detailed description of each responsibility in need of corrective action regarding any inadequacy identified by FHWA; and
 - e. After the notification and after the expiration of the 120-day period provided under this provision, the State fails to take satisfactory corrective action as determined by FHWA.
2. Failure to adequately carry out the responsibilities may include, but not be

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limited to:

- a. Persistent neglect of, or noncompliance with, any Federal laws, regulations, and policies;
 - b. Failure to cooperate with FHWA in conducting an audit or any oversight or monitoring activity;
 - c. Failure to secure or maintain adequate personnel and financial resources to carry out the responsibilities assumed;
 - d. Substantial noncompliance with this MOU; or
 - e. Persistent failure to adequately consult, coordinate, and/or take the concerns of other Federal agencies, as well as SHPOs/THPOs, into account in carrying out the responsibilities assumed.
3. If FHWA terminates one or more of the State's responsibilities under this MOU in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 326, FHWA shall provide written notice of that termination to the State, and such notice that specify the date on which the termination becomes effective. Upon that effective date, any responsibilities identified to be terminated in the notice that have been assumed by the State of this MOU will transfer to FHWA.

B. Termination by the State

1. The State may terminate its participation in the Program, in whole or in part, at any time by providing to FHWA a notice at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to the date that the State seeks to terminate its participation in this Program, and subject to such terms and conditions as FHWA may provide.
2. The Arizona Legislature and Governor may, at any time, terminate the State's authority granted to participate in this Program. In the event, FHWA and the State will develop a plan to transition the responsibilities that the State has assumed back to FHWA so as to minimize disruption to projects, minimize confusion to the public, and minimize burdens to other affected Federal, State, and local agencies. The plan will be approved by both FHWA and the State.
3. Any such withdrawal of assignment which FHWA and the State have agreed to under a transition plan will not be subject to the procedures or limitations provided for in subpart IX of this MOU and will be valid as agreed to in the transition plan.

C. Validity of the State Actions

1. Any environmental approvals made by the State pursuant to the responsibilities the State has assumed under this MOU will remain valid after termination of the State's participation in the MOU or withdrawal of

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assignment by FHWA. As among the USDOT Secretary, FHWA and the State, the State will remain solely liable and solely responsible for any environmental approvals it makes pursuant to any of the responsibilities it has assumed while participating in the Program.

X. PROCEDURES FOR TERMINATION AND FHWA-INITIATED PROJECT EXCLUSIONS

- A. Except as provided in Stipulation X(B) below, the process for termination under Stipulation IX(A)-IX(B), and for exclusion of a project from the MOU assignment by the FHWA under Stipulation III(B)-III(C), is as follows:
1. The party wishing to initiate the termination or exclusion shall provide to the other party a written notice of intent. The notice should identify the proposed action and explain the reason(s) for the proposed action.
 2. Following the notice, the parties shall have a thirty (30) calendar-day period during which the FHWA and the State shall consult on amendments or other actions that would avoid termination or exclusion. By agreement, the parties may extend this consultation period, provided that such extension may not exceed the term of the MOU.
 3. Following the consultation period, any termination or exclusion by FHWA shall be effective as of a date thirty (30) calendar days after the date of either a post-consultation agreement between the State and FHWA or the date of the State's receipt of a FHWA notice of final determination of termination or exclusion. In the event of termination initiated by the State, the termination shall be effective ninety (90) calendar days after the date of FHWA's receipt of the State's termination notice. All responsibilities covered by the termination or exclusion shall revert to the FHWA as of that effective date.
 4. In the event of termination or exclusion, the State and the FHWA agree to cooperate to make the transfer of responsibilities back to the FHWA effective in as orderly and administratively efficient manner as possible. The State will promptly provide FHWA any documents, records and other project-related material needed for FHWA to proceed with processing any affected project. Appropriate NEPA procedures, including those under any applicable programmatic CE agreement, shall apply to the subsequent processing of projects.
- B. The FHWA, in its sole discretion, may exclude a project from this MOU pursuant to Stipulation III(B)-III(C), without the thirty (30) calendar day consultation or final notice periods, if the FHWA determines that:
1. The State is not performing in accordance with this assignment; and

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2. Extreme conditions exist that justify immediate exclusion or termination and transfer back to the FHWA of the responsibilities covered by the exclusion or termination.
 3. In such cases, the FHWA shall notify the State in writing of its determination and action, and specify the reason for the action.
- C. The State's liability for its acts and omissions under this MOU, and the provisions of Stipulation V, shall survive the MOU. This survival clause includes, without limitation, the provisions of Stipulations IV (G)-IV(H) relating to liability and litigation.
- D. Exclusion actions, and any decision not to renew, do not require public notice and comment.
- E. Termination or other action by the FHWA in accordance with the provisions of this MOU does not limit or otherwise affect the FHWA's ability to seek any other remedy or to take action under other provisions of applicable law, including without limitation any appropriate remedies as provided in 23 CFR 1.36.

XI. STATE EXECUTION OF ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT FHWA INVOLVEMENT

- A. The FHWA will not provide any project-level assistance to the State in carrying out any of the responsibilities assigned under this MOU. "Project-level assistance" includes advice, consultation, or document review with respect to the discharge of such responsibility for a particular highway project. However, "project-level assistance" does not include discussions concerning issues addressed in prior projects, legal interpretations of any applicable law contained in titles 23 or 49 of the United States Code, legal interpretations of any FHWA or USDOT regulation, or interpretations of FHWA or USDOT policies or guidance. If a need for project-level assistance is identified as a result of the government-to-government consultation process described in Stipulation II(B)(1), then the FHWA shall reassume responsibility for the project as provided in Stipulation III(C).
- B. The FHWA will not intervene, broker, act as intermediary, or be otherwise involved in any issue involving the State's consultation or coordination with another Federal, State, or local agency with respect to the State's discharge of any of the responsibilities the State has assumed under this MOU for any particular highway project. However, the FHWA holds both monitoring and quality assurance obligations under this MOU and general oversight and stewardship obligations under the Federal-aid Highway Program. In furtherance of those obligations, the FHWA may elect to attend meetings between the State and other Federal agencies. Prior to attending such meetings, the FHWA will make a reasonable and diligent effort to give the State notice.

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In rare or extreme circumstances and based on its observations, the FHWA may submit comments to the State and the other Federal agency if the FHWA determines such comment is necessary and in the Federal interest because:

1. The FHWA reasonably believes that the State is not in compliance with this MOU; or
2. The FHWA determines that an issue between the State and the other Federal agency has broad or unique policy implications for the administration of the national Federal-aid Highway Program.

XII. NOTICES

Any notice to either party may be given electronically so long as a paper original of the notice also is delivered to the party. The effective date of the notice shall be the date of delivery of the paper original. Paper notices shall be delivered as follows:

State of Arizona:

ADOT Director
Arizona Department of Transportation
206 S. 17th Ave
Mail Drop 100A
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Federal Highway Administration:

Division Administrator
4000 North Central Avenue,
Suite 1500
Phoenix, AZ 85012

U.S. Department of Justice:

Office of the Assistant Attorney General
Environment and Natural Resources Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 2143
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Execution of this MOU and implementation of its terms by the State formally evidence that the parties have reviewed this MOU and determined that it complies with the laws, regulations and policies applicable to the FHWA and the State. Accordingly, this MOU is approved and is effective upon the date of the last signature below.

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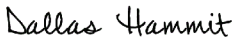


1/4/2021

Karla S. Petty,
Division Administrator,
Arizona Division Office

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Dallas Hammit,
Deputy Director for Transportation/State Engineer,
Arizona Department of Transportation

Date

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Appendix A

List of FHWA Responsibilities Assigned

Air Quality

Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401–7671q. *Including determinations for project-level conformity if required for the project.*

Noise

Noise Control Act of 1972, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4901–4918

Compliance with the noise regulations in 23 CFR part 772 (except approval of the State noise requirements in accordance with 23 CFR 772.7)

Wildlife

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531–1544, and 1536

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 661–667d

Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703–712

Historic and Cultural Resources

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 54 U.S.C. § 306108

Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, 16 U.S.C. 470aa, et seq.

Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, 23 U.S.C. § 138 and 49 U.S.C. § 303; 23 CFR part 774

Title 54, Chapter 3125—Preservation of Historical and Archeological Data, 54 U.S.C. §§ 312501–312508

Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. §§ 3001–3013; 18 U.S.C. § 1170

Social and Economic Impacts

American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1996¹

Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA), 7 U.S.C. §§ 4201–4209

Water Resources and Wetlands

Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251–1377.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f–300j–6

Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, 33 U.S.C. § 403

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1271–1287

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 3921, 3931

Flood Disaster Protection Act, 42 U.S.C. 4001–4128

FHWA wetland and natural habitat mitigation regulations, 23 CFR part 777

Parklands

Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, 23 U.S.C. § 138 and 49 U.S.C. 303; and 23 CFR part 774

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Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Pub. L. 88-578, 78 Stat. 897 (known as Section 6(f))

Hazardous Materials

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601–9675

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9671 – 9675

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901–6992k

Land

Landscaping and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers), 23 U.S.C. § 319

Executive Orders Relating to Highway Projects

E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands

E.O. 11988, Floodplain Management (except approving design standards and determinations that a significant encroachment is the only practicable alternative under 23 C.F.R. sections 650.113 and 650.115)

E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations

E.O. 11593, Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources¹

E.O. 13007, Indian Sacred Sites¹

E.O. 13112, Invasive Species

FHWA-Specific

Planning and Environmental Linkages, 23 U.S.C. § 168, except for those FHWA responsibilities associated with 23 U.S.C. §§ 134 and 135

Programmatic Mitigation Plans, 23 U.S.C. § 169 except for those FHWA responsibilities associated with 23 U.S.C. §§ 134 and 135

Note:

¹Under these laws and Executive Orders, FHWA will retain responsibility for conducting formal government-to-government consultations with federally recognized Indian tribes. The State will continue to handle routine consultations with the tribes and understands that a tribe has the right to direct consultation with FHWA upon request. The State may also assist FHWA with formal consultations, with the consent of a tribe, but FHWA remains responsible that this consultation occurs.

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Appendix B

**List of ADOT Programmatic Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding
Statewide Agreements**

Programmatic Agreement between the Arizona Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Forest Service, the Arizona State Land Department, Arizona State Parks, the Arizona State Museum, the Gila River Indian Community, the Hualapai Tribe and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Signatories: ADOT, FHWA, SHPO, BIA, BLM, BOR, USACE, USFS, ASLD, ASP, ASM, ACHP

Effective Date: September 23, 2020

Memorandum of Agreement between the Arizona Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District Concerning Funding for the Department if the Army Corps Permit Process on Priority Federal-Aid Highway Projects

Signatories: ADOT, FHWA, CORPS

Effective Date: September 20, 2017

Memorandum of Agreement between the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Signatories: ADOT, FHWA, USFWS

Effective Date: June 10, 2020

Memorandum of Understanding between the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division, and the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona

Signatories: ADOT, FHWA, BLM

Effective Date: September 2, 2008

Memorandum of Understanding Among the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division, and the USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region Regarding the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Highways in Arizona Crossing National Forest System Lands

Signatories: ADOT, USFS, FHWA

Effective Date: February 24, 2020

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Appendix C

**Arizona Attorney General Letter of Opinion
Dated November 7, 2017**



MARK BRNOVICH
Attorney General

Office of the Attorney General
State of Arizona

November 7, 2017

Brandye Hendrickson
Acting Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Certification from State Attorney General required by FHWA for assignment of
NEPA and other responsibilities to ADOT (23 U.S.C. §§ 326 & 327)

Dear Ms. Hendrickson:

Pursuant to the authority provided by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act or "MAP-21," and specifically 23 U.S.C. § 327 as amended by MAP-21, the Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT") has advised this Office that it is submitting an application to the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") for assignment of responsibilities for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") and other federal environmental laws for federal-aid highway projects ("NEPA Assignment"). On September 16, 2014, FHWA published rules setting forth the requirements for such applications.¹ FHWA's rules specify that a state's application for NEPA Assignment must include certain certifications by the State's Attorney General or other state official legally empowered by state law to issue legal opinions that bind the state.²

ADOT and FHWA plan to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") regarding the assignment of the federal environmental review responsibilities after a public review of the application. ADOT and FHWA also plan to enter into a separate MOU for the assignment of authority to make categorical exclusion determinations under 23 U.S.C. § 326 ("CE Assignment"). The purpose of this letter is to provide the certifications required by FHWA to accompany ADOT's application for NEPA Assignment as well as to enter into MOU's for both NEPA Assignment and CE Assignment.

The Attorney General serves as the chief legal officer of the state.³ In my official capacity as Attorney General of the State of Arizona, I hereby certify the following:

- As stated in A.R.S. § 28-334(C)(1), ADOT is legally authorized by state law to assume the responsibilities of the United States Department of Transportation with respect to duties

¹ 79 Fed. Reg. 55,381 (Sept. 16, 2014).

² 23 C.F.R. § 773.109(a)(6)-(7)

³ A.R.S. § 41-192

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under NEPA and any other federal environmental law pertaining to review or approval of a highway project in this state.

- The Legislature enacted A.R.S. § 28-334(C)(2), providing, “[s]overeign immunity from civil suit in federal court is waived consistent with 23 United States Code §§ 326 and 327 and limited to the compliance, discharge or enforcement of a responsibility assumed by... [ADOT]... under this paragraph.” The State’s waiver is made consistent with 23 U.S.C. § 327, which states: “[t]he United States district courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action against a State for failure to carry out any responsibility of the State under this section.”
- The Arizona Public Records Law (A.R.S. § 39-101 *et seq.*) is comparable to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (the Freedom of Information Act), including providing that any decision regarding the public availability of a document under state law is reviewable by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Brnovich", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Brnovich
Attorney General

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND THE
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONCERNING THE
STATE OF ARIZONA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
DELIVERY PROGRAM PURSUANT TO 23 U.S.C. 327**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) entered into by and between the FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA), an administration in the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT), and the STATE OF ARIZONA, acting by and through its ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ADOT), hereby provides as follows:

WITNESSETH

Whereas, Section 327 of Title 23 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) establishes the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program (Program) that allows the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT Secretary) to assign and States to assume the DOT Secretary's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq. (NEPA), and all or part of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities for environmental review, consultation, or other actions required by Federal environmental law with respect to highway, public transportation, railroad, and multimodal projects within the State; and

Whereas, 23 U.S.C. 327(b)(2) requires a State to submit an application in order to participate in the Program; and

Whereas, on June 29, 2018, prior to submittal of its application to FHWA, ADOT published notice of, and solicited public comment on, its draft application to participate in the Program as required by 23 U.S.C. 327(b)(3), and addressed the comments received as appropriate; and

Whereas, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 28-334(C) authorizes ADOT to participate in the Program; and

Whereas, on November 16, 2018, the State of Arizona acting by and through ADOT, submitted an application to FHWA with respect to highway projects in the State of Arizona ; and

Whereas, on February 11, 2019, FHWA published a notice in the *Federal Register* providing an opportunity for comment on its preliminary decision to approve ADOT's application and solicited the views of other appropriate Federal agencies concerning ADOT's application as required by 23 U.S.C. 327(b)(5); and

Whereas, the DOT Secretary, acting by and through FHWA pursuant to 49 CFR 1.85(a)(3), has determined that ADOT's application meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 327 with respect to the Federal environmental laws and highway projects identified in this MOU.

Now, therefore, FHWA and ADOT agree as follows:

PART 1. PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1.1 Purpose

- 1.1.1 This MOU officially approves ADOT's application to participate in the Program and is the written agreement required by 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(A) and (c) under which the DOT Secretary may assign, and ADOT may assume, the responsibilities of the DOT Secretary for Federal environmental laws with respect to one or more highway projects within the State of Arizona.
- 1.1.2 FHWA's decision to execute this MOU is based upon the information, representations, and commitments contained in ADOT's November 16, 2018, application. As such, this MOU incorporates the application. To the extent there is any conflict between this MOU and the application, this MOU shall control.
- 1.1.3 This MOU shall be effective upon the date of the final signature (Effective Date).
- 1.1.4 This MOU does not supersede the existing MOU between FHWA and ADOT under which FHWA assigned its responsibilities to ADOT, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 326, for determining whether certain projects qualify for Categorical Exclusions ("CE") and assigned certain other responsibilities for those projects ("Section 326 MOU"). The FHWA and ADOT initially executed the Section 326 MOU on January 3, 2018.
- 1.1.5 Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(c)(3)(B) and 327(c)(3)(C), and subpart 4.3 of this MOU, third parties may challenge ADOT's action in carrying out environmental review responsibilities assigned under this MOU. Otherwise, this MOU is not intended to, and does not, create any new right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any third party against the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents. This MOU is not intended to, and does not, create any new right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any third party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents.

PART 2. [RESERVED]

PART 3. ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSUMPTIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 Assignments and Assumptions of NEPA Responsibilities

- 3.1.1 Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(A), on the Effective Date of this MOU, FHWA assigns, and ADOT assumes, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in 23 U.S.C. 327 and this MOU, all of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq., with respect to the highway projects specified under subpart 3.3. This includes statutory provisions, regulations, policies, and guidance related to the implementation of NEPA for Federal-aid highway projects such as 23 U.S.C. 139, 40 CFR parts 1500—1508, DOT Order 5610.1C, and 23 CFR part 771, as applicable.
- 3.1.2 On the cover page of each Environmental Assessment (EA), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and Record of Decision (ROD) prepared under the authority granted by this MOU, and for memoranda corresponding to any CE determination it makes, ADOT shall insert the following language in a way that is conspicuous to the reader:

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a MOU dated 04/16/2019 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

- 3.1.3 ADOT shall disclose to the public, Tribes and agencies, as part of Agency outreach and public involvement procedures, including any Notice of Intent or scoping meeting notice, the disclosure in subpart 3.1.2 above.

3.2 Assignments and Assumptions of Responsibilities to Comply with Federal Environmental Laws Other Than NEPA

- 3.2.1 Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(B), on the Effective Date of this MOU, FHWA assigns and ADOT assumes, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this MOU, all of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities under NEPA for environmental review, reevaluation, consultation, or other action pertaining to the review or approval of highway projects specified under subpart 3.3 of this MOU, required under the following Federal environmental laws:

Air Quality

- Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401—7671q, with the exception of project level conformity determinations

Executive Orders (E.O.) Relating to Highway Projects

- E.O. 11988, Floodplain Management (except approving design standards and determinations that a significant encroachment is the only practicable alternative under 23 CFR parts 650.113 and 650.115)
- E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands
- E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations
- E.O. 13112, Invasive Species, as amended by E.O. 13751, Safeguarding the Nation from the Impacts of Invasive Species
- E.O. 13807 Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure

FHWA-Specific

- Efficient Project Reviews for Environmental Decision Making, 23 U.S.C. 139
- Environmental Impact and Related Procedures, 23 CFR part 771
- Planning and Environmental Linkages, 23 U.S.C. 168, with the exception of those FHWA responsibilities associated with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135
- Programmatic Mitigation Plans, 23 U.S.C. 169, with the exception of those FHWA responsibilities associated with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135

Hazardous Materials Management

- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601—9675

- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901—6992k
- Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, 42 U.S.C. 9671—9675

Historic and Cultural Resources

- Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, as amended, 54 U.S.C. 312501—312508
- Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, 16 U.S.C. 470(aa)—(mm)
- Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3001—3013; 18 U.S.C. 1170
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 54 U.S.C. 306101 et seq.
- 23 U.S.C. 138 and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, 49 U.S.C. 303 and implementing regulations at 23 CFR part 774

Noise

- Compliance with the noise regulations in 23 CFR part 772
- Noise Control Act of 1972, 42 U.S.C. 4901—4918

Parklands and Other Special Land Uses

- Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, 54 U.S.C. 200302—200310
- Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, 23 U.S.C. 138, 49 U.S.C. 303 and implementing regulations at 23 CFR part 774

Social and Economic Impacts

- American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. 1996
- Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA), 7 U.S.C. 4201—4209

Water Resources and Wetlands

- Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251-1387 (Sections 319 and 401, 402, 404 and 408)
- Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, 16 U.S.C. 3901 and 3921
- FHWA wetland and natural habitat mitigation regulations, 23 CFR part 777
- Flood Disaster Protection Act, 42 U.S.C. 4001—4130
- Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, 33 U.S.C. 403
- Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300f—300j-26
- Wetlands Mitigation, 23 U.S.C. 119(g) and 133(b)(14)
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 16 U.S.C. 1271—1287

Wildlife

- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661—667d

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. 703—712
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d)
- Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531-1544

3.2.2 In accordance with 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(D), any FHWA environmental review responsibility not explicitly listed above and assumed by ADOT shall remain the responsibility of FHWA unless the responsibility is added by written agreement of the parties through the amendment process established in Part 14 of this MOU and pursuant to 23 CFR 773.113(b). This provision shall not be interpreted to abrogate ADOT's responsibilities to comply with the requirements of any Federal environmental laws that apply directly to ADOT independent of FHWA's involvement (through Federal assistance or approval).

3.2.3 The DOT Secretary's responsibilities for government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes, as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(m), are not assigned to or assumed by ADOT under this MOU. The FHWA remains responsible for government-to-government consultation, including initiation of government-to-government consultation consistent with E.O. 13175 - Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, unless otherwise agreed as described below. A notice from ADOT to an Indian tribe advising the tribe of a proposed activity is not considered "government-to-government consultation" within the meaning of this MOU. If a project-related concern or issue is raised in a government-to-government consultation process with an Indian tribe, as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(m), and is related to NEPA or another Federal law for which ADOT has assumed responsibilities under this MOU, and either the Indian tribe or FHWA determines that the issue or concern will not be satisfactorily resolved by ADOT, then FHWA may withdraw the assignment of all or part of the responsibilities for processing the project. In this case, the provisions of subpart 9.1 of this MOU concerning FHWA initiated withdrawal of an assigned project or part of an assigned project will apply.

This MOU is not intended to abrogate, or prevent future entry into, an agreement among ADOT, FHWA, and a Tribe under which the Tribe agrees to allow ADOT to consult for highway projects in Arizona. However, such agreements are administrative in nature and do not relieve FHWA of its legal responsibility for government-to-government consultation.

3.2.4 Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to permit ADOT's assumption of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities for conformity determinations required by Section 176 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7506) or any responsibility under 23 U.S.C. 134 or 135, or under 49 U.S.C. 5303 or 5304.

3.2.5 The assignment under this part does not alter the scope and terms of Section 326 MOU signed on January 3, 2018, between ADOT and FHWA. As applicable ADOT will conduct all environmental reviews authorized under the terms of that MOU.

3.2.6 Included in each consultation letter that is submitted with any biological evaluation or assessment, historic properties or cultural resources report, Section 4(f) evaluation, or other analyses prepared under the authority granted by this MOU, ADOT shall insert the following language in a way that is conspicuous to the reader or include in a project record:

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ADOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a MOU dated 04/16/2019 and executed by FHWA and ADOT.

- 3.2.7 ADOT shall disclose to the public, Tribes and agencies, as part of Agency outreach and public involvement procedures, the disclosure in subpart 3.2.6 of this MOU.
- 3.2.8 ADOT will continue to adhere to the original terms of Biological Opinions, Memoranda of Agreement, Programmatic Agreements, other agreements with terms, and conditions, and any other commitments that were the result of the environmental review process and consultations prior to the execution of this MOU as long as these terms are not amended or revised. Any revisions or amendments to these agreements made after the Effective Date of this MOU would be ADOT's responsibility. ADOT agrees to assume FHWA's environmental review role and responsibilities as identified in existing interagency agreements among ADOT, FHWA, and other Federal or State agencies, and/or negotiate new agreements, if needed. ADOT agrees to assume FHWA's responsibilities of ongoing consultations as of the Effective Date of this MOU.
- 3.2.9 ADOT will not make any determination that an action constitutes a constructive use of a publicly owned park, public recreation area, wildlife refuge, waterfowl refuge, or historic site under 49 U.S.C. 303 / 23 U.S.C. 138 [Section 4(f)] without first consulting with FHWA and obtaining FHWA's approval of such determination.

3.3 Highway Projects

- 3.3.1 Except as provided in subpart 3.3.2 of this MOU or otherwise specified in this subpart, the assignments and assumptions of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities under subparts 3.1 and 3.2 of this MOU shall apply to the environmental review, consultation, or any other action pertaining to the environmental review or approval of the following classes of highway projects located within the State of Arizona. The definition of "highway project" is found at 23 CFR 773.103, and for purposes of this MOU, "highway project" includes eligible preventative maintenance activities. ADOT shall conduct any reevaluation required by 23 CFR 771.129 for projects for which construction is not completed prior to the date of this MOU in accordance with the provisions of this MOU. Prior to approving any CE determination, finding of no significant impact FONSI, final EIS, or final EIS/ROD, ADOT shall ensure and document that for any proposed project the design concept, scope, and funding are consistent with the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), or Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), as applicable.
- A. All Class I, or EIS projects, that are funded by FHWA or require FHWA approvals. This assignment does not include the environmental review associated with the development and approval of the Draft EIS, Final EIS, and ROD for the following projects:
- a. South Mountain Freeway
 - b. Interstate 11 (I-11) Corridor Tier 1 EIS, Nogales to Wickenburg
 - c. Sonoran Corridor Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement
- B. All Class II, or CE projects, that are funded by FHWA or require FHWA approvals, and that do not qualify for assignment of responsibilities pursuant to ADOT's Section 326 MOU.
- C. All Class III, or EA projects, that are funded by FHWA or require FHWA approvals. This assignment does not include the environmental review associated with the development and approval of the EA and FONSI for the following project:
- a. State Route 303; I-10 to SR 30
- D. Projects funded by other Federal agencies [or projects without any Federal funding] that also require FHWA approvals. For these projects, ADOT would not assume the NEPA responsibilities of other Federal agencies. However, ADOT may use or adopt

another Federal agency's NEPA analysis or documents consistent with 40 CFR parts 1500—1508, current law, and DOT and FHWA regulations, policies, and guidance.

- E. Except the South Mountain Freeway, projects excluded under this section will be retained by FHWA until the expiration of the statute of limitations period with respect to projects for which a limitation of claims notice will be issued under 23 U.S.C. 139(l), or until the completion of the NEPA process with respect to projects for which such notice will not be issued. ADOT agrees to be responsible for any re-evaluations needed under 23 CFR 771.129 or other environmental reviews needed for such projects thereafter. FHWA will retain responsibility for the South Mountain Freeway EIS until the project is complete.

3.3.2 The following are specifically excluded from the list in subpart 3.3.1 of highway projects:

- A. Any Federal Lands Highway projects authorized under 23 U.S.C. 202, 203, 204, and FAST Act Section 1123, unless such projects will be designed and constructed by ADOT.
- B. Any project that crosses or is adjacent to international boundaries. For purposes of this MOU, a project is considered "adjacent to international boundaries" if it requires the issuance of a new or the modification of an existing, Presidential Permit by the U.S. Department of State.
- C. Any highway project that crosses State boundaries.
- D. Projects advanced by direct recipients of Federal-aid Highway funds other than ADOT, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) and Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grants and other competitive grant programs; and
 - 2. Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Credit Program.

3.4 Limitations

- 3.4.1 As provided at 23 U.S.C. 327(e), ADOT shall be solely responsible and solely liable for carrying out, in lieu of and without further approval by FHWA, all of the responsibilities it has assumed under this MOU.
- 3.4.2 As provided at 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(D), any highway project or responsibility of the DOT Secretary that is not explicitly assumed by ADOT under subpart 3.3.1 of this MOU remains the responsibility of the DOT Secretary.

PART 4. CERTIFICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF JURISDICTION

4.1 Certifications

4.1.1 ADOT hereby makes the following certifications:

- A. ADOT has the legal authority to accept all the assumptions of responsibility identified in this MOU;
- B. ADOT has the legal authority to take all actions necessary to carry out all of the responsibilities it has assumed under this MOU;
- C. ADOT has the legal authority to execute this MOU;
- D. The State of Arizona has laws in effect that are comparable to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) at 5 U.S.C. 552, and those laws are found in the Arizona Public Records Law (A.R.S. § 39-101 *et seq*); and

- E. The Arizona Public Records Law provides that any decision regarding the public availability of a document under that Act is reviewable by an Arizona court of competent jurisdiction.

4.2 State Commitment of Resources

- 4.2.1 As required by 23 U.S.C. 327(c)(3)(D), ADOT will maintain the financial resources necessary to carry out the responsibilities it is assuming. ADOT asserts, and FHWA agrees, that the summary of financial resources contained in ADOT's application, dated November 16, 2018, appears to be adequate for this purpose. Should FHWA determine, after consultation with ADOT, that ADOT's financial resources are inadequate to carry out the DOT Secretary's responsibilities, ADOT will take appropriate action to obtain the additional financial resources needed to carry out these responsibilities. If ADOT is unable to obtain the necessary additional financial resources, ADOT shall inform FHWA, and this MOU will be amended to assign only the responsibilities that are commensurate with ADOT's financial resources.
- 4.2.2 Similarly, ADOT has and will maintain adequate organizational and staff capability, including competent and qualified consultants where necessary or desirable, to effectively carry out the responsibilities it has assumed under this MOU. This includes, without limitation:
- A. Using appropriate environmental, technical, legal, and managerial expertise;
 - B. Devoting adequate staff resources; and
 - C. Demonstrating, in a consistent manner, the capacity to perform ADOT's assumed responsibilities under this MOU and applicable Federal laws.

Should FHWA determine, after consultation with ADOT, that ADOT's organizational and staff capability is inadequate to carry out the DOT Secretary's responsibilities, ADOT will take appropriate action to obtain adequate organizational and staff capability to carry out these responsibilities. If ADOT is unable to obtain adequate organizational and staff capability, ADOT shall inform FHWA, and the MOU will be amended to assign only the responsibilities that are commensurate with ADOT's available organizational and staff capability. Should ADOT choose to meet these requirements, in whole or in part, with consultant services, including outside counsel, ADOT shall maintain on its staff an adequate number of trained and qualified personnel, including counsel provided by the State of Arizona Office of Attorney General, to oversee the consulting work.

- 4.2.3 When carrying out the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended, ADOT staff (including consultants) shall comply with 36 CFR 800.2(a)(1). All actions that involve identification, evaluation, analysis, recording, treatment, monitoring, or disposition of historic properties, or that involve the reporting or documentation (including 36 CFR 800.11) of such actions in the form of reports, forms, or other records, shall be carried out by or under the direct supervision of a person or persons who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards (36 CFR part 61, Appendix A). ADOT shall ensure that all documentation required under 36 CFR 800.11 is reviewed and approved by a staff member or consultant who meets the Professional Qualifications Standards.
- 4.2.4 As part of its commitment of resources, ADOT will continue to develop, implement and update its manuals and procedures which are not subject to FHWA review or approval, to support appropriate environmental analysis and decision-making under NEPA and associated laws and regulations. ADOT recognizes it is solely responsible for the

manuals and procedures for compliance with responsibilities assigned in this MOU and for establishing policy and guidance to implement its program.

4.3 Federal Court Jurisdiction

- 4.3.1 As required under 23 U.S.C. 327(c)(3)(B), and authorized by Arizona Statute § 28-334(C), ADOT hereby expressly consents, on behalf of the State of Arizona, to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts in cases that involve the compliance, discharge, and enforcement of any responsibility of the DOT Secretary assumed by ADOT under Part 3 of this MOU. The consent to Federal court jurisdiction shall remain valid after termination of this MOU, or FHWA's withdrawal of assignment of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities, for any decision or approval made by ADOT pursuant to an assumption of responsibility under this MOU. ADOT understands and agrees that, in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 327(d)(1), the United States district court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action against the State of Arizona alleging a failure to carry out any responsibility assumed under this MOU, which constitutes a limited waiver of the State of Arizona's immunity under the Eleventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

PART 5. APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL LAW

5.1 Procedural and Substantive Requirements

- 5.1.1 As provided at 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(C), in assuming the DOT Secretary's responsibilities under this MOU, ADOT shall be subject to the same procedural and substantive requirements that apply to the DOT Secretary in carrying out these responsibilities. Such procedural and substantive requirements include, but are not limited to, Federal statutes and regulations; Executive Orders issued by the President of the United States; DOT Orders; Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500—1508); FHWA Orders, guidance, and policy issued by CEQ, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), DOT, or FHWA (e.g., Guidance Establishing Metrics for the Permitting and Environmental Review of Infrastructure Projects); and any applicable Federal court decisions, and, subject to subpart 5.1.4 of this MOU, interagency agreements, and other similar documents that relate to the environmental review process, (e.g., 2015 Red Book - Synchronizing Environmental Reviews for Transportation and Other Infrastructure Projects). Official DOT and FHWA guidance and policies relating to environmental review are posted on FHWA's Website, contained in the FHWA Environmental Guidebook, published in the *Federal Register*, or sent to ADOT electronically or in hard copy.

ADOT has reviewed the 2014 MOA between the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and FHWA and understands that by accepting FHWA's NEPA responsibilities, it also agrees to perform FHWA's obligations set forth in the MOU between DOT and USCG and the MOA between FHWA and USCG.

- 5.1.2 The FHWA will use its best efforts to ensure that any new or revised Federal policy or guidance, which are final and applicable to FHWA's responsibilities under NEPA and other laws that are assumed by ADOT under this MOU, are communicated to ADOT within 10 business days of issuance. Delivery may be accomplished by e-mail, Web posting (with e-mail or mail to ADOT notifying of Web posting), mail, or publication in the *Federal Register* (with e-mail or mail to ADOT notifying of publication). If communicated to ADOT by e-mail or mail, such material will be sent to ADOT's Environmental Planning Administrator. When FHWA is considering changes to the Program or changes that may or will impact ADOT's assumed responsibilities or resources, FHWA shall seek input from ADOT. In the event a new or revised FHWA policy or guidance is not made available to

ADOT as described in this subpart, and if ADOT had no knowledge of such policy or guidance, then a failure by ADOT to comply with such Federal policy or guidance will not be a basis for termination of this MOU or a negative audit finding under this MOU.

- 5.1.3 ADOT will coordinate with Federal resource agencies concerning applicable laws, formal guidance, and policies that such other Federal agencies are responsible for administering with respect to ADOT's highway projects and the assumption of responsibilities under this MOU.

Within six (6) months of the Effective Date of this MOU, ADOT will work with FHWA and the resource agencies to modify existing interagency agreements. Such actions may include:

- A. Obtaining written consent to the continuation of an interagency agreement in its existing form, but with the substitution of ADOT for FHWA; or
- B. Amending an interagency agreement as needed so that the interagency agreement continues but that ADOT assumes FHWA's responsibilities.

If an affected agency does not agree to modify an interagency agreement then, to the extent permitted by applicable law and regulation, ADOT will carry out the assumed environmental review, consultation, or other related activity in accordance with applicable laws and regulations but without the benefit of the provisions of the interagency agreement.

- 5.1.4 ADOT may enter into an interagency agreement with a Federal, State, Tribal, or local agency regarding appropriate processes and procedures to carry out the project-specific responsibilities assumed under this MOU. Although FHWA is not required to be a signatory, such an interagency agreement must conform with all provisions of this MOU, especially subpart 5.2.1.
- 5.1.5 Upon termination of this MOU, ADOT and FHWA shall contact the Federal resource agency to determine whether any interagency agreement should be amended or reinstated as appropriate.

5.2 Rulemaking

- 5.2.1 As provided under 23 U.S.C. 327(f), nothing in this MOU allows ADOT to assume any rulemaking authority of the DOT Secretary. In addition, ADOT may not establish policy and guidance on behalf of the DOT Secretary or FHWA for highway projects covered in this MOU. ADOT's authority to establish State regulations, policy, and guidance concerning the State environmental review of State highway projects shall not supersede applicable Federal environmental review regulations, formal policy, or guidance established by or applicable to the DOT Secretary or FHWA.
- 5.2.2 Nothing in this MOU prevents ADOT from commenting on any *Federal Register* notice for any matter, including Notices of Proposed Rulemaking and other public notices.

5.3 Effect of Assumption

- 5.3.1 For purposes of carrying out the responsibilities assumed under this MOU, and subject to the limitations contained in 23 U.S.C. 327 and this MOU, ADOT shall be deemed to be acting as FHWA with respect to the environmental review, consultation, and other related actions required under those responsibilities.

5.4 Other Federal Agencies

- 5.4.1 As provided under 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(E), nothing in this MOU preempts or interferes with any power, jurisdiction, responsibility, or authority of any Federal agency other than DOT (including FHWA), under applicable statutes and regulations with respect to a highway project.

PART 6. LITIGATION

6.1 Responsibility and Liability

- 6.1.1 As provided in 23 U.S.C. 327(e), ADOT will be solely liable and solely responsible for carrying out the responsibilities assumed under this MOU, in lieu of and without further approval of the DOT Secretary. The FHWA and DOT will have no responsibility or liability for the performance of the responsibilities assumed by ADOT, including any decision or approval made by ADOT while participating in the Program.

6.2 Litigation

- 6.2.1 Nothing in this MOU affects the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) authority to litigate claims, including the authority to approve a settlement on behalf of the United States, if either FHWA or another agency of the United States is named in such litigation or if the United States intervenes pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(d)(3). In the event FHWA or any other Federal agency is named in litigation related to matters under this MOU or the United States intervenes in the litigation, ADOT will coordinate with FHWA and any DOJ or Federal agency attorneys in the defense of that action.
- 6.2.2 ADOT shall defend all claims brought in connection with its discharge of any responsibility assumed under this MOU. In the event of litigation, ADOT will provide qualified and competent legal counsel, including outside counsel if necessary. ADOT will provide the defense at its own expense, subject to 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(G) concerning Federal-aid participation in attorney's fees for ADOT's counsel. ADOT will be responsible for opposing party's attorney's fees and court costs if a court awards those costs to an opposing party, or in the event those costs are part of a settlement agreement, subject to allocation of responsibility between ADOT and any co-defendant Federal agency.
- 6.2.3 ADOT will notify the FHWA's Arizona Division Office and DOJ's Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, within seven (7) calendar days of ADOT's receipt of service of process of any complaint, concerning its discharge of any responsibility assumed under this MOU. ADOT's notification to FHWA and DOJ shall be made prior to its response to the complaint. In addition, ADOT shall notify the FHWA's Arizona Division Office within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of any notice of intent to sue concerning its discharge of any responsibility assumed under this MOU.
- 6.2.4 ADOT will provide the FHWA's Arizona Division Office and DOJ copies of any motions, pleadings, briefs, and other such documents filed in any case concerning its discharge of any responsibility assumed under this MOU. ADOT will provide such copies to the FHWA and DOJ within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of service of any document or, in the case of any documents filed by or on behalf of ADOT, within seven (7) calendar days of the date of filing.
- 6.2.5 ADOT will notify the FHWA's Arizona Division Office and DOJ prior to settling any lawsuit, in whole or in part, and shall provide the FHWA and DOJ with a reasonable amount of time of at least ten (10) calendar days, to be extended, if feasible based on the context of the lawsuit, up to a maximum of thirty (30) total calendar days, to review and comment on the proposed settlement. ADOT will not execute any settlement agreement until: (1) FHWA and DOJ have provided comments on the proposed settlement; (2) indicated that they will

not provide comments on the proposed settlement; or (3) the review period has expired, whichever occurs first.

- 6.2.6 Within seven (7) calendar days of receipt by ADOT, ADOT will provide notice to FHWA's Arizona Division Office and DOJ of any court decision on the merits, judgment, and notice of appeal arising out of or relating to the responsibilities ADOT has assumed under this MOU. ADOT shall notify FHWA's Arizona Division Office and DOJ within five (5) calendar days of filing a notice of appeal of a court decision. ADOT shall confer with FHWA and DOJ regarding the appeal at least forty-five (45) calendar days before filing its initial brief on the merits of the appeal.
- 6.2.7 ADOT's notifications to FHWA and DOJ in subparts 6.2.3, 6.2.4, 6.2.5, and 6.2.6 shall be made by electronic mail to FHWA_assignment_lit@dot.gov, and NRS DOT.enrd@usdoj.gov, unless otherwise specified by FHWA and DOJ. For copies of motions, pleadings, briefs, and other documents filed in a case, as identified in subpart 6.2.4, ADOT may opt to either send the materials to the email addresses identified above, send hardcopies to the mail address below, or add to the distribution list in the court's electronic filing system (e.g., PACER) the following two email addresses: FHWA_assignment_lit@dot.gov and efile_nrs.enrd@usdoj.gov. The FHWA and DOJ's comments under subpart 6.2.5 and 6.2.6 shall be made by electronic mail to NEPA_Assignment@azdot.gov unless otherwise specified by ADOT. In the event that regular mail is determined necessary, mail should be sent by overnight mail service to:

For DOJ: Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division at 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 2143, Washington, DC, 20530.

For FHWA: Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration – Arizona Division 4000 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1500 Phoenix, Arizona 85012-3500.

For ADOT: Environmental Planning Administrator, Arizona Department of Transportation, 1611 West Jackson St. MD EM04, Phoenix AZ 8507

6.3 Conflict Resolution

- 6.3.1 In discharging any of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities under this MOU, ADOT agrees to comply with any applicable requirements of DOT and FHWA statute, regulation, guidance, or policy regarding conflict resolution. This includes compliance with the DOT Secretary's responsibilities for issue resolution under 23 U.S.C. 139(h) with the exception of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities under 23 U.S.C. 139(h)(7) regarding financial penalties.
- 6.3.2 ADOT agrees to follow 40 CFR part 1504 in the event of pre-decision referrals to CEQ for Federal actions determined to be environmentally unsatisfactory. ADOT also agrees to coordinate and work with CEQ on matters brought to CEQ with regards to the environmental review responsibilities for Federal highway projects ADOT has assumed under this MOU.

PART 7. INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER AGENCIES

7.1 Coordination

- 7.1.1 ADOT agrees to seek early and appropriate coordination with all applicable Federal, State, and local agencies in carrying out any of the responsibilities for highway projects assumed under this MOU.

7.2 Processes and Procedures

- 7.2.1 ADOT will ensure that it has appropriate processes and procedures in place that provide for proactive and timely consultation, coordination, and communication with applicable Federal agencies in order to carry out the responsibilities assumed under this MOU, including the submission of all EISs together with comments and responses to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as required by 40 CFR 1506.9 and for EPA's review as required by section 309 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7609. These processes and procedures shall be documented. Documentation may be a formally executed interagency agreement or other format as appropriate.

PART 8. INVOLVEMENT WITH FHWA

8.1 Generally

- 8.1.1 Except as specifically provided otherwise in this MOU, FHWA will not provide project-level assistance to ADOT in carrying out the responsibilities it has assumed under this MOU. Project-level assistance includes advice, consultation, or review of draft documents. However, project-level assistance does not include: process or program-level assistance as described in subpart 8.1.5 of this MOU, including discussions concerning issues addressed in prior projects, interpretations of applicable law contained in Title 23 U.S.C. or Title 49 U.S.C., interpretations of any FHWA or DOT regulation, or interpretations of FHWA or DOT policies or guidance.
- 8.1.2 The FHWA will not intervene, broker, act as intermediary, or otherwise be involved in any issue involving ADOT's consultation or coordination with other Federal resource agencies with respect to ADOT's discharge of any of the responsibilities assumed under this MOU for any particular highway project. However, FHWA may attend meetings between ADOT and other Federal agencies. Further, FHWA may submit comments to ADOT and the other Federal agency in the following extraordinary circumstances:
- A. FHWA reasonably believes that ADOT is not in compliance with this MOU;
 - B. FHWA determines that an issue between ADOT and the other Federal agency concerns an emerging national policy issue under consideration by the DOT.

The FHWA will notify both ADOT and the relevant Federal agency prior to attending any meetings between ADOT and such other Federal agency.

- 8.1.3 Other Federal agencies may raise concerns regarding compliance with this MOU by ADOT and may communicate these concerns to FHWA. The FHWA will review the concerns and any information provided to FHWA by such other Federal agency. If FHWA determines the concern has merit, FHWA shall inform ADOT Environmental Planning Administrator. ADOT will review the concerns and any information provided to FHWA, and work with the other Federal agency to resolve the concern. If the concern remains unresolved, FHWA will notify ADOT and will work with both ADOT and the other Federal agency to resolve the issue and, if necessary, take appropriate action to ensure compliance with this MOU.

- 8.1.4 At ADOT's request, FHWA may assist ADOT in evaluating its environmental program and developing or modifying any of its processes or procedures to carry out the responsibilities it has assumed under this MOU, including, but not limited to, emerging national policy issues and those processes and procedures concerning ADOT's consultation, coordination, and communication with other Federal agencies.
- 8.1.5 Communications between ADOT and FHWA regarding the administration of the responsibilities assigned and assumed under this MOU, and other process and program-level communications described in subparts 8.1.2 and 8.1.5 of this MOU, are normally considered intra-agency communications for the purpose of deliberative process privileges under the Freedom of Information. ADOT and FHWA shall promptly notify each other of requests for public records regarding the administration of the Program in Arizona.
- 8.1.6 For active projects where ADOT is assuming responsibilities from FHWA under this MOU, FHWA shall allow ADOT access to its project files and arrange for copies to be provided upon request by ADOT.
- 8.1.7 ADOT's obligations and responsibilities under 23 CFR 1.5 are not altered in any way by executing this MOU.

8.2 MOU Monitoring and Oversight

- 8.2.1 FHWA will provide necessary and appropriate monitoring and oversight of ADOT's compliance with this MOU. The FHWA's monitoring and oversight activities in years one through four of this MOU's term will primarily consist of an annual audit as provided at 23 U.S.C. 327(g) and Part 11 of this MOU, and evaluating attainment of the performance measures listed in Part 10 of this MOU. After the fourth year of ADOT's participation in the Program, FHWA will monitor ADOT's compliance with the MOU including the provision by ADOT of financial resources to carry out the MOU as provided at 23 U.S.C. 327(h). The FHWA's monitoring and oversight may also include submitting requests for information to ADOT and other relevant Federal agencies, verifying ADOT's financial and personnel resources dedicated to carrying out the responsibilities assumed, and reviewing documents and other information.
- 8.2.2 Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(c)(4), ADOT is responsible for providing FHWA any information FHWA reasonably considers necessary to ensure that ADOT is adequately carrying out the responsibilities assigned. When requesting information subject to section 327(c)(4), FHWA will provide the request to ADOT in writing, and the request will identify with reasonable specificity the information required. FHWA will also indicate in the request a deadline for the information to be provided. ADOT will, in good faith, work to ensure the information requested is provided by the deadline. ADOT's response to an information request under this paragraph will include, where appropriate, making relevant employees and consultants available at their work location (including via an in-person meeting, teleconference, videoconference or other electronic means as may be available).
- 8.2.3 ADOT shall make project files and general administrative files pertaining to the discharge of the responsibilities it has assumed under this MOU reasonably available for inspection by FHWA at the files' locations upon reasonable notice, which is not less than five business days. These files shall include, but are not limited to, letters and comments received from governmental agencies, the public, and others with respect to ADOT's discharge of the responsibilities assumed under this MOU.

8.2.4 In carrying out the responsibilities assumed under this MOU, ADOT agrees to carry out regular quality control and quality assurance (QA/QC) reviews to ensure that the assumed responsibilities are being conducted in accordance with applicable law and this MOU. At a minimum, ADOT's QA/QC process will include the review and monitoring of its processes and performance relating to project decisions, completion of environmental analysis, project file documentation, checking for errors and omissions, and legal sufficiency reviews, and taking appropriate corrective action as needed. Within three (3) months of the Effective Date of this MOU, ADOT shall finalize a QA/QC process that satisfies the requirements in this subpart. In developing and implementing the QA/QC process, ADOT shall consult with the FHWA Arizona Division Office. ADOT agrees to cooperate with FHWA to consider recommendations FHWA may have made with respect to its QA/QC process.

8.2.5 ADOT shall perform annual self-assessments of its QA/QC process and performance to determine if its process is working as intended. If any process areas are identified as needing improvement, ADOT will take appropriate and timely corrective actions to address such areas. At least one month prior to the date of a scheduled FHWA audit ADOT will transmit a summary of its most recent self-assessment to FHWA Arizona Division Office. The summary will include a description of the scope of the self-assessment conducted and the areas reviewed, a description of the process followed in conducting the self-assessment, a list of the areas identified as needing improvement, any corrective actions that have been or will be implemented, a statement from ADOT's Environmental Planning Administrator concerning whether the processes are ensuring that the responsibilities ADOT has assumed under this MOU are being carried out in accordance with this MOU and all applicable Federal laws and policies, and a summary of ADOT's progress toward attaining the performance measures listed in Part 10 of this MOU.

8.2.6 Upon the Effective Date of this MOU, ADOT will maintain a list of NEPA approvals and decisions (CE, EA, FONSI, DEIS, FEIS, FEIS/ROD, ROD) and Section 4(f) approvals it makes under this MOU. ADOT will provide an updated list to FHWA Arizona Division every six (6) months (January 1 through June 30, and July 1 through December 31).

8.3 Records Retention

8.3.1 ADOT will retain project files, and files pertaining to the discharge of its responsibilities under this MOU in accordance with 2 CFR 200.333.

8.3.2 State public records are maintained pursuant to state law and published retention schedules. For the following record types, ADOT will ensure that the applicable retention schedules reflect the following minimum retention periods and records are maintained in the following manner:

A. **FHWA-ADOT Environment Correspondence Files:** Correspondence between FHWA and ADOT relative to the interpretation, administration, and execution of this MOU and the environmental aspects of the Federal-aid Highway Program, as established in 8.1.2 and 8.1.5, shall be maintained by ADOT for a period of six (6) years after the resolution of the particular issue or after the guidance has been superseded. After six (6) years ADOT will follow the State records retention/disposition schedule for these records.

B. **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Related Documents:** For a period of 8 years after approval of the final construction voucher ADOT shall

maintain Final NEPA Documents (Draft EISs, Final EISs, Supplemental EISs, RODs, EAs, FONSI, CE documentation and determinations), supporting materials documentation supporting the Sec. 139 environmental review process [e.g., coordination plans that include project schedules, evidence of opportunities for public/agency input in the purpose and need and alternatives], scoping documents, public and agency comments; meeting minutes; Notices of Intent (NOI's), Public Involvement Plans, public meeting summaries, public hearing certifications and transcripts, mitigation reports/tracking, technical reports; correspondence; studies and reports; references; errata sheets; and reevaluation documents); NEPA Reference Documents (written statements and supporting documents needed for reference); and official documents and correspondence related to reviews under other environmental requirements (e.g., ESA, CWA, Section 4(f), Section 106). After 8 years ADOT will follow the State records retention/disposition schedule for these records, except that ADOT will permanently store the above referenced records for Significant Transportation Projects as they are defined in Order No. 1224.1B.

- C. **Environmental Impact Statements - Other Agencies:** Files containing reviews and comments furnished by ADOT to other Federal agencies following reviews of an EIS for which another Federal agency is the lead agency shall be maintained by ADOT for a period of 5 years. After 5 years, ADOT may destroy these files when no longer needed.
- D. **Noise Barriers:** ADOT agrees to maintain the necessary information to comply with 23 CFR 772.13(f) regarding noise abatement measures reporting. ADOT shall maintain this information for a period of 4 years after the end of the Federal fiscal year in which the project file is closed.

8.3.3 In the case of a conflict between FHWA Records Disposition Manual, FHWA Order 1324.1B, ADOT Records Management Policy, Retention and Disposal Schedule, ADOT will work to update the State retention schedule such that the more stringent retention requirements are met.

8.4 Federal Register

8.4.1 For any documents that are required to be published in the *Federal Register*, such as the NOI under 23 CFR 771.123(a) and Notice of Final Agency Action under 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(2), ADOT shall transmit such document to FHWA's Arizona Division Office, with a request for publication in the *Federal Register* on behalf of ADOT. The FHWA's Arizona Division Office will promptly submit such document to be published in the *Federal Register* on behalf of ADOT. If requested, ADOT shall reimburse FHWA for costs associated with publishing such documents in the *Federal Register* (excluding FHWA's overhead).

8.5 Participation in Resource Agency Reports

8.5.1 ADOT agrees to provide data and information requested by FHWA and resource agencies for the preparation of national reports to the extent that the information relates to determinations, findings, and proceedings associated with projects processed under this MOU. Such reports include but are not limited to:

- A. Information on the completion of and duration to complete all NEPA classes of action (EIS, EA, CE);
- B. Archeology Reports requested by the National Park Service;

- C. Endangered Species Act Expenditure Reports requested by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service;
- D. Project schedules and other project information for nationwide infrastructure transparency initiatives;
- E. Project status and information for EAs and EISs for use on the searchable Website maintained under section 41003(b) of the FAST Act [Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, 42 U.S.C. 4370m-2(b) and 23 U.S.C. 139(o)] (Federal Permitting Dashboard) to be submitted in accordance with current and any future reporting standard issued by DOT pursuant to such provisions;
- F. NEPA Litigation Reports requested by CEQ;
- G. Environmental Conflict Resolution reports requested by the Office of Management and Budget and CEQ; and
- H. Noise abatement measure reporting.

8.6 Conformity Determinations

- 8.6.1 Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(B)(iv)(II), for any project requiring a project-level conformity determination under the Clean Air Act and its implementing regulations, FHWA's Arizona Division Office will document the project level conformity determination within a reasonable timeframe. The FHWA's Arizona Division Office will restrict its review to only that data, analyses, applicable comments and responses, and other relevant documentation that enable FHWA to make the project-level conformity determination.

8.7 Certification of NEPA Compliance

- 8.7.1 For projects funded by FHWA, ADOT shall ensure that a certification is included with each NEPA approval specifying that ADOT has fully carried out all responsibilities assumed under this MOU in accordance with this MOU and all applicable Federal laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and policies. ADOT shall ensure that this certification is made prior to the execution of any future Federal-aid approval or action. ADOT shall include the certification in its request for authority to proceed to final design, right-of-way acquisition, or construction. ADOT agrees to provide FHWA access to NEPA approvals and certifications.

8.8 Enforcement

- 8.8.1 Should FHWA determine that ADOT is not in compliance with this MOU, then FHWA shall take appropriate action to ensure ADOT's compliance, including appropriate remedies provided at 23 CFR 1.36 for violations of or failure to comply with Federal law or regulations at 23 CFR with respect to a project, withdrawing assignment of any responsibilities that have been assumed as provided in Part 9 of this MOU, or terminating ADOT's participation in the NEPA Assignment Program as provided in Part 13 of this MOU.

PART 9. WITHDRAWAL OF ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES

9.1 FHWA-Initiated Withdrawal of Assigned Projects

- 9.1.1 The FHWA may, at any time, withdraw the assignment of all or part of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities that have been assumed by ADOT under this MOU for any highway project or highway projects upon FHWA's determination that:

- A. With respect to such project or projects, ADOT is not in compliance with a material term of this MOU or applicable Federal laws or policies, and ADOT has not taken sufficient corrective action to the satisfaction of FHWA;
 - B. The highway project or highway projects involve significant or unique national policy interests for which ADOT's assumption of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities would be inappropriate; or
 - C. ADOT cannot satisfactorily resolve an issue or concern raised in government-to-government consultation process, as provided in subpart 3.2.3.
- 9.1.2 Upon the FHWA's determination to withdraw assignment of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities under subpart 9.1.1, FHWA will informally notify ADOT of FHWA's determination. After informally notifying ADOT of its determination, FHWA will provide ADOT written notice of its determination including the reasons for its determination. Upon receipt of this notice, ADOT may submit any comments that would resolve the compliance concern or objections to FHWA within 30 calendar days, unless FHWA agrees to an extended period of time. Upon receipt of ADOT's comments or objections, FHWA will make a final determination within 30 calendar days, unless extended by FHWA for cause, and notify ADOT of its decision. In making its determination, FHWA will consider ADOT's comments or objections, the effect the withdrawal of assignment will have on the Program, the amount of disruption to the project concerned, the effect on other projects, confusion the withdrawal of assignment may cause to the public, the potential burden to other Federal agencies, and the overall public interest.
- 9.1.3 The FHWA shall withdraw assignment of the responsibilities ADOT has assumed for any highway project when the preferred alternative that is identified in the CEs, EA, or FEIS is a highway project or part of a program that is specifically excluded in subpart 3.3.2. In such case, subpart 9.1.2 of this MOU shall not apply.
- 9.2 ADOT-Initiated Withdrawal of Assignment of Projects**
- 9.2.1 ADOT may, at any time, provide FHWA with notice of its intent to withdraw a highway project assumed under this MOU.
- 9.2.2 Upon ADOT's decision to request FHWA withdraw the assignment of the DOT Secretary's responsibilities under subpart 9.2.1, ADOT shall informally notify FHWA of its desire for FHWA to withdraw assignment of its responsibilities. After informally notifying FHWA of its desire, ADOT will provide FHWA written notice of its desire, including the reasons for wanting FHWA to withdraw assignment of the responsibilities. Upon receipt of this notice, FHWA will have 30 calendar days, unless extended by FHWA for cause, to determine whether it will withdraw assignment of the responsibilities requested. In making its determination, FHWA will consider the reasons ADOT desires FHWA to withdraw assignment of the responsibilities, the effect the withdrawal of assignment will have on the Program, amount of disruption to the project concerned, the effect on other projects, confusion the withdrawal of assignment may cause to the public, the potential burden to other Federal agencies, and the overall public interest.

PART 10. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

10.1 General

- 10.1.1 Both FHWA and ADOT have determined it is desirable to mutually establish a set of performance measures to consider ADOT's administration of the responsibilities assumed under this MOU.

10.1.2 ADOT's attainment of the performance measures indicated in this part of the MOU will be considered by FHWA during audits, as required by 23 U.S.C. 327(g).

10.1.3 ADOT shall collect and maintain all necessary and appropriate data related to the attainment of performance measures. In collecting this data, ADOT shall monitor its progress toward meeting the performance measures and include its progress in the self-assessment summary described in subpart 8.2.5 of this MOU.

10.2 Performance Measures

10.2.1 The performance measures applicable to ADOT in carrying out the responsibilities it has assumed under this MOU are as follows:

A. Compliance with NEPA, FHWA NEPA regulations, and other Federal environmental statutes and regulations:

- i. Maintain documented compliance with procedures and processes set forth in this MOU for the environmental responsibilities assumed under the Program.
- ii. Maintain documented compliance with requirements of all applicable Federal statutes and regulations for which responsibility is assumed (e.g., Section 106 of the NHPA, Section 7 of the ESA, etc.).

B. QA/QC for NEPA decisions:

- i. Maintain and apply internal quality control and assurance measures and processes, including a record of:
 - a. Legal sufficiency determinations made by counsel; this shall include the legal sufficiency reviews of Notices of Intent and Notices of Final Agency Action as required by law, policy, or guidance;
 - b. Compliance with FHWA's and ADOT's environmental document content standards and procedures, including those related to QA/QC; and,
 - c. Completeness and adequacy of documentation of project records for projects done under the Program.

C. Relationships with agencies and the general public:

- i. Maintain communication among ADOT, Federal and State resource agencies, and the public from the effective date of assumption of responsibilities under this MOU.
- ii. Maintain effective responsiveness to substantive comments received from the public, agencies, and interest groups on NEPA documents and environmental concerns.
- iii. Maintain effective NEPA conflict resolution processes whenever appropriate.

D. Increased efficiency and timeliness in completion of the NEPA process:

- i. Compare time of completion of environmental document approvals before and after assumption of responsibilities under this MOU.
- ii. Report actual time to completion for key interagency consultations (e.g., Section 7 biological opinions, Section 106 resolution of adverse effects)

PART 11. AUDITS

11.1 General

- 11.1.1 As required at 23 U.S.C. 327(g), FHWA will conduct audits of ADOT's discharge of the responsibilities it has assumed under this MOU. During the first four (4) years, audits will be the primary mechanism used by FHWA to oversee ADOT's compliance with this MOU, ensure compliance with applicable Federal laws and policies, evaluate ADOT's progress toward achieving the performance measures identified in Part 10, and collect information needed for the DOT Secretary's annual report to Congress.

Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(g)(3), each audit carried out under this MOU shall be carried out by an audit team, consisting of members designated by FHWA in consultation with ADOT. Such consultation shall include a reasonable opportunity for ADOT to review and provide comments on the proposed members of the audit team.

- 11.1.2 Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(c)(4), ADOT is responsible for providing FHWA any information FHWA reasonably considers necessary to ensure that ADOT is adequately carrying out the responsibilities assigned. ADOT will make documents and records available for review by FHWA in conducting audits and shall provide FHWA with copies of any such documents and records as may be requested by FHWA pursuant to the process identified in subpart 8.2.3. In general, all documents and records will be made available to FHWA at their normal place of repository. However, ADOT will work with FHWA to provide documents through e-mail, CD-ROM or mail to the extent it does not create an undue burden.
- 11.1.3 ADOT agrees to cooperate with FHWA in conducting audits, including providing access to all necessary information, making all employees available to answer questions (including consultants hired for the purpose of carrying out the DOT Secretary's responsibilities), and providing all requested information (including making employees available) to FHWA in a timely manner. Employees will be made available either in-person at their normal place of business or by telephone, at the discretion of FHWA.
- 11.1.4 ADOT and FHWA Arizona Division Office will each designate an audit coordinator who will be responsible for coordinating audit schedules, requests for information, and arranging audit meetings.
- 11.1.5 Such FHWA audits will include, but not be limited to, consideration of ADOT's technical competency and organizational capacity, adequacy of the financial resources committed by ADOT to administer the responsibilities assumed, quality control and quality assurance process, attainment of performance measures, compliance with this MOU's requirements, and compliance with applicable Federal laws and policies in administering the responsibilities assumed.

11.2 Scheduling

- 11.2.1 As provided at 23 U.S.C. 327(g), FHWA will conduct an annual audit during each of the first (4) four years after the Effective Date. After the fourth year of ADOT's participation in the Program, FHWA will monitor ADOT's compliance with the MOU, including the provision by ADOT of financial resources to carry out the MOU, but will not conduct additional audits under this Part. In the event the frequency of the audits is modified by amendments to 23 U.S.C. 327(g), the frequency established by the statutory amendments will control and apply to this subpart.
- 11.2.2 For each annual audit, the designated audit coordinators for FHWA and ADOT will work to establish a general audit schedule within 180 calendar days of the Effective Date or anniversary date of this MOU. The general audit schedule will include the dates that

FHWA will conduct the audit. To the maximum extent practicable, the general audit schedule will identify all employees (including consultants) and documents and other records that ADOT will make available, as requested by FHWA in support of the audit. With respect to documents and other records, FHWA agrees to be as specific as possible, although a general description of the types of documents will be acceptable. The general schedule will include the time period for completing an annual audit from initiation to completion (including public comment and responses to those comments), which shall not exceed 180 calendar days, unless modified by amendments to 23 U.S.C. 327(g).

- 11.2.3 ADOT's audit coordinator shall make reasonable efforts to ensure all identified employees (including consultants) are available to FHWA during the specified dates on the general audit schedule. ADOT will also ensure necessary documents and records are made reasonably available to FHWA as needed during the general audit schedule.
- 11.2.4 After the general audit schedule is established, the audit coordinators shall work to establish specific audit schedules at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled audit. The specific audit schedule shall include the dates, times, and place for which FHWA will talk to ADOT's employees (including consultants) and review of documents and records.
- 11.2.5 To the maximum extent practicable, the specific audit schedule will identify all employees (including consultants) and documents and other records that ADOT will make available to FHWA during the audit. Should FHWA determine that it needs access to an employee, document or other record that is not identified in the specific audit schedule, ADOT will make reasonable efforts to produce such employee, document or other record on the specified dates.

11.3 Other Agency Involvement

- 11.3.1 The FHWA may invite other Federal or State agencies or Tribes as deemed appropriate to assist FHWA in conducting an audit under this MOU by sitting in on interviews, reviewing documents obtained by FHWA, and making recommendations to FHWA. The FHWA's audit coordinator will advise ADOT's audit coordinator of FHWA's intent to include other Federal or State agencies and the proposed role of such agencies in the audit team. If FHWA invites another Federal or State agency to participate in the audit team, the agency will be placed on the general and specific audit schedules. ADOT will have a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on any proposed additional member of the audit team.

11.4 Audit Report and Findings

- 11.4.1 Upon completing each audit, FHWA will transmit to ADOT a draft of the audit report and allow ADOT a period of 14 calendar days within which to submit written comments to FHWA. The FHWA will grant any reasonable request by ADOT to extend its deadline to respond in writing to a draft audit report not to exceed a total review period of 30 calendar days. The FHWA will review the comments provided by ADOT and revise the draft audit report as may be appropriate. ADOT and FHWA may also meet and discuss the draft report and ADOT's comments. If ADOT anticipates an additional meeting will be beneficial, ADOT will notify FHWA audit coordinator prior to providing its written comments so that such meeting may be timely scheduled. The FHWA will then prepare the draft audit report for public comment.

- 11.4.2 As required by 23 U.S.C. 327(g)(2), FHWA will make the draft audit report available for public comment. In carrying out this requirement, FHWA will, after receipt and incorporation of ADOT comments as provided in subpart 11.4.1, publish the audit report in the *Federal Register* and allow a comment period of 30 calendar days. The FHWA will then address and respond to the public comments by incorporating the comments and response into the final audit report. The final audit report will be published in the *Federal Register* not later than 60 calendar days after the comment period closes.

PART 12. TRAINING

- 12.1 ADOT may request and, subject to FHWA's resource availability, FHWA will provide training with respect to the responsibilities being assigned to ADOT under this MOU. Such training may be provided to ADOT by either FHWA or another Federal agency or other parties, as appropriate. ADOT may also conduct its own training for staff and consultants.
- 12.2 ADOT will continue to implement training necessary to meet its environmental obligations. Prior to or within six (6) months of the effective date of the MOU, ADOT will update its training program to reflect the responsibilities assumed under the Program and this MOU. FHWA will remain available to provide assistance in the assessment of training needs and development of training program elements; however, ADOT will be solely responsible for the development and implementation of its training program.

PART 13. TERM, TERMINATION AND RENEWAL

13.1 Term

- 13.1.1 This MOU has a term of five (5) years from the Effective Date.

13.2 Termination by FHWA

- 13.2.1 As provided by 23 U.S.C. 327(j)(1), FHWA may terminate ADOT's participation in the Program, in whole or in part, at any time subject to the procedural requirements in 23 U.S.C. 327 and subpart 13.2.2 of this MOU. Termination may be based on ADOT's failure to adequately carry out its responsibilities under this MOU including, but not limited to:
- A. persistent neglect of, or noncompliance with Federal laws, regulations, and policies;
 - B. failure to address deficiencies identified during the audit or monitoring process;
 - C. failure to secure or maintain adequate personnel and/or financial resources to carry out the responsibilities assumed;
 - D. intentional non-compliance with this MOU; or
 - E. persistent failure to adequately consult, coordinate, or account for the concerns of appropriate Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies with oversight, consulting, or coordination responsibilities under Federal environmental laws and regulations.

13.2.2 If FHWA determines that ADOT is not adequately carrying out the responsibilities assigned to ADOT, then FHWA may:

- A. provide ADOT written notification of its non-compliance determination detailing a description of each responsibility in need of corrective action regarding an inadequacy identified; and
- B. provide ADOT a period of not less than 120 calendar days to take such corrective action as the FHWA determines is necessary to comply with this MOU.

13.2.3 If ADOT, after notification and the 120 calendar day period, fails to take satisfactory corrective action, as determined by FHWA, subject to administrative/judicial review, FHWA shall provide notice to ADOT of its determination of termination. Any responsibilities identified to be terminated in the notice that have been assumed by ADOT under this MOU shall transfer to FHWA.

13.3 Termination by ADOT

13.3.1 ADOT may terminate its participation in the Program, in whole or in part, at any time by providing FHWA notice of its intent at least 90 calendar days prior to the date that ADOT seeks to terminate and subject to such terms and conditions as FHWA may provide. In that event, FHWA and ADOT may develop a plan to transition the responsibilities that ADOT has assumed back to FHWA so as to minimize disruption to projects, minimize confusion to the public, and minimize burdens to other affected Federal, State, and local agencies.

13.3.2 Any termination of assignment agreed to under a transition plan shall not be subject to the procedures or limitations provided for in Part 9 of this MOU and shall be valid as agreed to in the transition plan.

13.4 Validity of ADOT Actions

13.4.1 Any environmental approvals made by ADOT pursuant to the responsibilities ADOT has assumed under this MOU shall remain valid after termination of ADOT's participation in the Program or withdrawal of assignment by FHWA. ADOT shall remain solely liable and solely responsible for any environmental approvals it makes pursuant to any of the responsibilities it has assumed while participating in the Program.

13.5 Renewal

13.5.1 This MOU is renewable in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 327 and implementing regulations, in effect at the time of the renewal. ADOT and FHWA agree to initiate the renewal process at least 12 months prior to the expiration of this MOU.

PART 14. AMENDMENTS

14.1 Generally


14.1.1 All parts of this MOU may be amended at any time upon mutual agreement by both FHWA and ADOT, pursuant to 23 CFR 773.113(b).

14.2 Additional Projects, Classes of Projects and Environmental Review Responsibilities

- 14.2.1 The FHWA may assign, and ADOT may assume, responsibility for additional projects and additional environmental review responsibilities beyond those identified in Part 3 of this MOU, by executing an amendment to this MOU.
- 14.2.2 If ADOT decides to request amendment of this MOU to add or withdraw responsibility for projects or classes of projects, or environmental review responsibilities beyond those identified in Part 3 of this MOU, such request shall be treated as an amendment to ADOT's original application that was submitted to FHWA pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(b) and 23 CFR 773.113(b). In developing the application supplement, ADOT shall identify the projects, classes of projects, and environmental review responsibilities it wishes to assume or withdraw and make any appropriate adjustments to the information contained in ADOT's original application, including verification of personnel and financial resources.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this MOU to be duly executed in duplicate as of the date of the last signature written below.

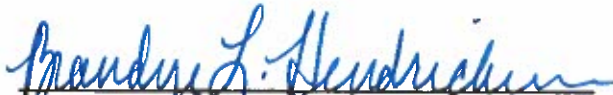
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Attachment D:

**Undertakings Not Assigned to ADOT Pursuant to the ADOT and FHWA 23 USC §§ 326 and 327 MOUs
(see 327 MOU § 3.3.2)**

Project:	Interstate 11 Tier 1 EIS
Federal Project No.:	999-M(161)
ADOT TRACS No.:	999 SW 0 M5180 01P

Project:	South Mountain Freeway
Federal Project No.:	NH-202-D(ADY)
ADOT TRACS No.:	202L MA 054 H5764 01C

Project:	Sonoran Corridor Tier 1 EIS
Federal Project No.:	410-A(BFI)
ADOT TRACS No.:	410 PM 0.0 P9100 05P

Attachment E: Historic Property Treatment Plan Minimum Elements

Pursuant to Stipulation III.H.2.g of this Agreement, all Tier 2 historic property treatment plans (HPTPs) shall include, but not be limited to, the following elements:

1. The establishment of environmentally sensitive use areas.
2. The implementation of preconstruction archaeological excavation.
3. Preservation-in-place, avoidance, minimization efforts.
4. Specification of all historic properties (*sensu* 36 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 800.16[l][1]) to be affected by the project, including:
 - a. The criterion or criteria under which said properties have been listed in or deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), pursuant to 36 CFR § 60.4; and
 - b. The scale and nature of anticipated effects upon said properties, taking into account direct, indirect, and cumulative aspects; and
 - c. A summary of past recordings, research, evaluation, and treatment of said properties.
5. Specification of all cultural resources to be affected by the project that have not been evaluated for their NRHP eligibility, including:
 - a. The scale and nature of anticipated effects upon said resources, taking into account direct, indirect, and cumulative aspects; and
 - b. A summary of past recordings, research, evaluative efforts, and treatment of said resources.
6. A detailed description of:
 - a. The treatment(s) proposed to resolve adverse effects to historic properties, portions of historic properties, unevaluated cultural resources, or portions thereof; and
 - b. The rationale for the choice of proposed treatment(s); and
 - c. Consideration given to the property or resource's setting, including but not limited to:
 - i. Viewshed; and
 - ii. Ambient noise; and
 - iii. Atmospheric conditions; and
 - iv. Vibration; and
 - v. Ambiance created by, contributed to, or associated with the property or resource; and
 - vi. Any and all qualities or characteristics that contribute to the property or resource's significance in general or NRHP eligibility in particular.
7. A statement of ADOT's intent to recover a reasonable sample of intact archaeological deposits from NRHP-eligible sites (or those which have not been evaluated for their NRHP eligibility) that the agency determines, through the process set forth in Stipulation III.G of this Agreement (*Assessment of Effects*), may be adversely affected by the implementation of the Tier 2 project.
8. Provisions for the creation and dissemination, to the professional community and general public, of informative materials based on the results of the proposed treatment.
 - a. All such materials shall conform to the terms and conditions of the:
 - i. Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA; 16 U.S. Code [USC] §§ 470aa—mm)
 - ii. Executive Order 13007, "Sacred Sites" (61 Federal Register 26771)
 - iii. Freedom of Information Act (5 USC § 552)

- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of:
 - i. Section 304 (54 USC § 307103) of the NHPA (54 USC 300301, *et seq.*)
 - ii. Section 9(a) of ARPA (16 USC §§ 470cc[d] and 470hh) and its implementing regulation (43 CFR § 7.18)
 - iii. 36 CFR § 800.11(c)
 - iv. Arizona Revised Statutes Title 39 § 125
 - v. Stipulation III.K of this Agreement
- 9. A monitoring and discovery plan (MDP) which shall include procedures for:
 - a. Monitoring construction activities; and
 - b. Evaluating unanticipated archaeological discoveries; and
 - c. Treating unanticipated archaeological discoveries or newly-identified historic properties; and
 - d. Communication between ADOT, the Arizona State Museum (ASM), State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), and/or public agencies with jurisdiction over the discovery location, as appropriate; and
 - e. Consultation with consulting parties in general and consulting tribes in particular, pursuant to such discoveries.
- 10. Permits and authorizations that either have been obtained, will be necessary, or may be necessary in order to implement the HPTP and Stipulation III.H of this Agreement. This list shall indicate:
 - a. The statutes mandating such permits or authorizations; and
 - b. The conditions or circumstances under which such permit or authorization is or may be required; and
 - c. The issuing agency, identifying number, date of issuance, and duration of authority; and
 - d. The current status of application or procurement; and
 - e. The schedule for procurement of permits or authorizations to be sought; and
- 11. Appropriate research issues and questions to be addressed through the recovery of data, accompanied by:
 - i. The rationale for the consideration of such issues and questions
 - ii. Past research efforts bearing upon these issues and questions
 - iii. An historic context, or contexts to guide the focus of the research
 - iv. An explanation of why it is in the public interest to address those research issues
 - v. The data needed to adequately approach the issues and answer the questions
 - vi. How collected data will be used to address the issues and questions
 - vii. The process whereby the research issues and questions may be refined to reflect the information gathered during the implementation of Stipulation III.H of this Agreement (*Treatment of Historic Properties*).
- 12. The methods to be used in fieldwork and analyses, including an explanation of why such methods are feasible, appropriate, and relevant to the research issues and questions.
- 13. The methods to be used for data management, security, and dissemination.
- 14. The procedures by which recovered materials and records will be curated, taking into account the expressed wishes of consulting Tribes, the Secretary of the Interior's standards for curation (36 CFR Part 79), and policies and guidance from ASM and the agencies or tribes having jurisdiction of the site's location.
- 15. A schedule for providing consulting parties with periodic updates on the implementation of the HPTP.

16. A protocol for the treatment of human remains, in the event that such remains are discovered, describing methods and procedures for the recovery, analysis, treatment, and disposition of human remains, associated funerary objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. This protocol will:
 - a. Reflect concerns and/or conditions identified as a result of consultations among parties to this Agreement, including Native American tribes; and
 - b. Will be consistent with the ASM burial agreement for state lands; and
 - c. Will be consistent with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA; 25 USC § 3001 *et seq.*) for federal or tribal lands
17. A proposed schedule for project tasks, including a schedule for the submission of preliminary and final archaeological reports, including draft and revised editions, to all consulting parties.
18. A consultation protocol relative to phased data recovery, if necessary.
19. A public involvement plan that includes benefits to the public.
20. Minimum qualifications for all persons implementing the HPTP (e.g., excavators, monitors, historic architects, architectural historians, laboratory analysts, report preparers) and supervisory personnel.
21. Opportunities for members of consulting Native American tribes and representatives from consulting agencies to visit the site prior to, during, and/or after data collection efforts.
22. Protocols for the development and implementation, in coordination with consulting Native American tribes, of cultural sensitivity training, including a comprehensive list of occupational categories subject to attendance.
23. A curation agreement which ensures that:
 - i. All materials (other than Native American human remains and grave-associated objects) and records collected or produced during the implementation of the HPTP on public or Tribal lands will be maintained in accordance with 36 CFR Part 79.
 - ii. All materials (other than Native American human remains and grave-associated objects) recovered during the implementation of the HPTP on privately owned lands will be maintained in accordance with 36 CFR 79 until their analysis is completed, and thereafter returned to their owners.
 - iii. Native American human remains and grave-associated objects encountered during the implementation of the HPTP will be:
 1. Treated with respect and in accordance with the expressed wishes of consulting Native American tribes
 2. Cared for in accordance with 36 CFR Part 79, notwithstanding any reasonable departures requested by consulting Native American tribes
 3. Repatriated, as efficiently as possible, in accordance with NAGPRA.

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Attachment 6: Standard Measures for Resolving Adverse Effects

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) may propose and carry out standard measures for resolving adverse effects to specific categories of historic properties in accordance with Stipulation VIII.G.1 of this Agreement. The following standard measures will apply to archaeological sites, or to historic buildings and structures, as presented below.

- A. Standard measures for resolving adverse effects to archaeological sites through data recovery. ADOT will ensure that a Historic Properties Treatment Plan (HPTP) is prepared that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
1. Discussion of the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) significance of the properties.
 2. Research design and questions that are directly pertinent to those data sets that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register under Criterion D.
 3. Results of previous research relevant to the property type.
 4. Proposed data needs and proposed methods and techniques to acquire the data, including any special studies.
 5. Field methods and techniques that will cost-effectively address the property's structure and content in the context of the defined research questions and the property's stratigraphic and geomorphic context.
 6. Assumptions about the number and types of features expected and a proposed sampling strategy.
 7. Site-specific maps portraying the proposed data recovery (i.e., proposed trench or test unit placement).
 8. Laboratory processing and analyses, with justification of their relevance to the property and its research values.
 9. Methods and techniques used in artifact, data, and other record management.
 10. Provisions for ongoing Tribal consultation, monitoring, and coordination, if Tribal values or concerns are known or suspected.
 11. Provisions for Tribal perspectives in the preparation of research designs, data recovery plans and reports.

12. Qualifications of key personnel.
 13. Disposition, including curation, of recovered materials and records resulting from implementation of the data recovery plan.
 14. All required permits.
 15. Report preparation schedule.
 16. A Monitoring and Discovery Plan including provisions and procedures for evaluating and treating discoveries of unexpected finds during the course of the project in accordance with Stipulation XIV of this Agreement.
 17. Explicit provisions for disseminating research findings to professional peers in a timely manner.
 18. Plan for public involvement and educational or interpretive programs, focusing particularly on the community or communities that may have interest in the results.
- B. Standard measures for resolving adverse effects to historic buildings and structures through Historic Americans Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER) documentation. Information included in the consultation proposing to conduct HABS/HAER documentation will include, but is not limited to, the following:
1. A description of each building or structure, its National Register significance, and its character defining features.
 2. A discussion of relevant research questions and recording objectives in relation to the type and significance of the property.
 3. The proposed level of HABS/HAER documentation and a justification for this documentation in relation to the anticipated adverse effects.
 4. A description of methods to be used in collecting data needed to achieve the research and recording objectives.
 5. Qualifications of key personnel.
 6. A report preparation schedule.
 7. A proposal for development of a public benefit document or other appropriate measures for public presentation.
- C. Standards and Guidelines

1. All archaeological data recovery will be conducted following:
 - a. Archaeology and Historic Preservation: Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines, September 1983, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (48 Federal Register 44716, as updated) or its successor regulation.
 - b. Arizona Antiquities Act standards, for archaeological investigations on state, county, and municipal lands in Arizona.
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 - a. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Architectural and Engineering Documentation.
 - b. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, July 1997, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 68) or its successor regulation.



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FHWA would like to propose the following consulting parties for this project: FHWA, ADOT, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Arizona Army National Guard (AANG), APS, Arizona Game and Fish (AZ G&F), Arizona State Museum, ASARCO LLC, ASLD, BLM, CAP, City of Coolidge, FNGMR, Pinal County, Reclamation, SCIDD, Town of Florence, TEPC, UPRR, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Western, Ak-Chin Indian Community (Ak-Chin), Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), Hopi Tribe, Pasqua Yaqui Tribe, San Carlos Apache Nation (SCAN), Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), Tonto Apache Tribe (TAT), Tohono O'odham Nation (TON), White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT), and Yavapai-Apache Nation (YAN).

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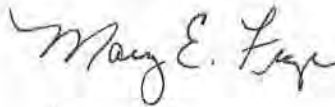
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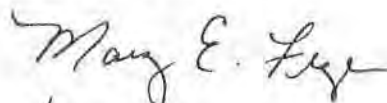
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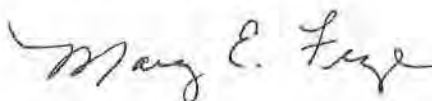
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Sincerely yours,



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Signature for Pinal County Concurrence
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Mr. Beau Goldstein
San Carlos Irrigation Project
13805 North Arizona Boulevard
Coolidge, Arizona 85228

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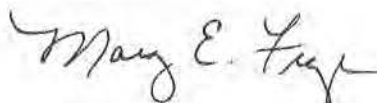
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for
Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator

Signature for SCIP Concurrence
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Chad Wegley, Chief Engineer, San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District, 120 S 3rd St.,
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Mr. Wendsler Nosie, Chairman
San Carlos Apache Nation
P.O. Box 0
San Carlos, Arizona 85550

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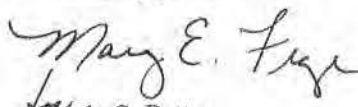
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 Signature for SCAN Concurrence
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Vernelda Grant, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (w/enclosure)



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Dr. David Jacobs, Compliance Specialist
State Historic Preservation Office
Arizona State Parks
1300 West Washington
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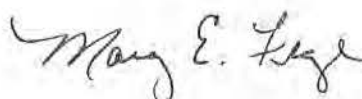
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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
10005 E. Osborn Rd.
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

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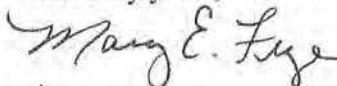
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Signature for SRPMIC Concurrence
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Angela Garcia-Lewis, NAGPRA Coordinator, Cultural Preservation Program, 10005 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 (w/enclosure)



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Tonto Apache Reservation #30
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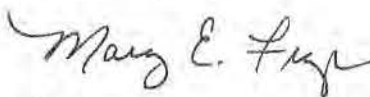
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Mr. Peter Steere, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Joe Joaquin
Cultural Affairs Office
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P. O. Box 837
Sells, Arizona 85634

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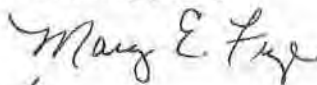
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Manager Environmental Field Operations
Union Pacific Railroad
2401 East Sepulveda Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90810

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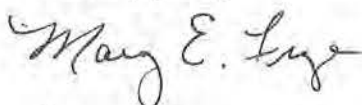
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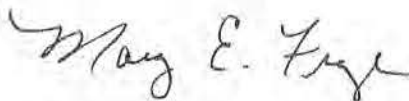
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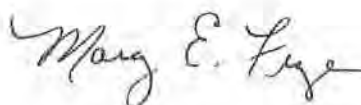
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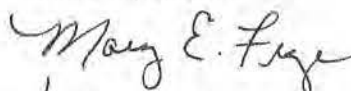
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At this time, FHWA is inquiring whether you have any concerns regarding historic properties of traditional, religious, cultural, or historic importance to your community within the APE. Any information you might provide within 30 days of receipt of this letter will be considered in the project planning. If your office opts to participate in cultural resource consultation at a later date, FHWA would make a good faith effort to address your concerns.

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Sincerely yours,



Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator

Signature for YAN Concurrence
STP-999-A(BBM)

Date

cc:
Christopher Coder, Tribal Archaeologist (w/enclosure)



Arizona Department of Transportation

Environmental Planning Group

MEMORANDUM

To: Rebecca Swiecki, ADOT EPG
Deil Lundin, HDR

Date: April 4, 2011

From: John Lindly, ADOT EPG
Historic Preservation Specialist

Subject: Project No. STP-999-A(BBM)
TRACS No. SW PM 999 H7454 01L
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Concurrences were received on February 22, 2011 (Pinal County), February 23, 2011 (WMAT), February 24, 2011 (SCIP), March 7, 2011 (TON), March 9, 2011 (Hopi), and March 30, 2011 (SHPO). WMAT has indicated that further consultation with them is not required unless Apache sites are found in the APE. SHPO has recommended that FHWA add official associations representing the historic land use of the area, including those related to mining, farming and feed lots, to the list of interested parties. In addition, Pinal County has suggested that the City of Apache Junction, City of Eloy and Town of Queen Creek be added to the list of interested parties. Finally, SCIP has asked that all reference to San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District (SCIDD) be removed from any future consultation as SCIDD is only a local irrigation district that operates and maintains portions of the irrigation system owned by the federal government (SCIP).

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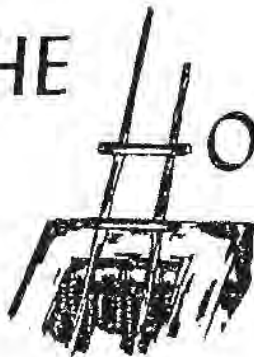
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Historic Preservation Specialist

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March 1, 2011

Karla S. Petty, Division Administrator
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Re: North-South Corridor Study

Dear Ms. Petty,

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Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

cc: John Lindly, Arizona Department of Transportation
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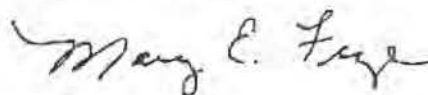
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Sincerely yours,



Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator


Signature for Pinal County Concurrence
STP-999-A(BBM)

Date

2/22/2011

Please add: City of Apache Junction
City of Eloy
Town of Queen Creek
to contact list.
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Ms. Karla S. Petty
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4000 North Central Avenue - Suite 1500
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Re: STP-999-A(BBM); HOP-AZ

Dear Ms. Petty:

Thank you for including the San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP) in early outreach for National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance activities.

I am most interested in the aforementioned project in regard to its potential effects on power and irrigation facilities under SCIP's jurisdiction. As you may know, many of SCIP's power and irrigation facilities are more than 50 years of age, and the Irrigation Division has been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

As a federal entity, SCIP must comply with numerous environmental laws (including NEPA and NHPA) when facilities that are of historic age are altered. Alterations to irrigation facilities require SCIP to issue an encroachment permit, which allows applicants to cross, realign, or pipe SCIP irrigation facilities. In order for SCIP to issue an encroachment permit, the applicant must prepare and submit an Environmental Assessment (EA) for compliance with NEPA and a Class III Cultural Resources Survey report for NHPA compliance. In addition to these requirements, crossings/alterations of our power and irrigation facilities requires SCIP to approve engineering plans in order to determine if the planned crossings/alterations meet SCIP's safety and operating standards. In addition to these facilities, SCIP owns land in fee and manages withdrawn land in the region where access is determined by a different process.

Specifically, in regard to your letter, there seems to be some confusion between SCIP and the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District (SCIDD). SCIP is a federal agency, organized within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), whereas SCIDD is a local irrigation district that performs some operations and maintenance on parts of our irrigation system. To clarify, irrigation facilities that may be operated or maintained by SCIDD are owned by the federal government (SCIP). SCIP should be consulted regarding ADOT's ongoing effort on this project, and when the time comes, offered Cooperating Agency status for the NEPA and Section 106 processes.

In order to facilitate timely progression of your project, I suggest that you contact Mr. Clarence Begay, Supervisory Civil Engineer for the Irrigation Division, at (520) 723-6203, and Beau J. Goldstein, Acting Environmental Coordinator, at (520) 723-6234.

Per your request regarding Section 106 consultation initiation, I have signed the enclosed page indicating that a Programmatic Agreement should be developed for this project.

Sincerely,

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Acting Project Manager

Enclosure

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SCIP Acting Project Manager
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Signature for SCIP Concurrence
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Date

cc:

Chad Wegley, Chief Engineer, San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District, 120 S 3rd St., Coolidge, Arizona 85128-4722



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ARIZONA STATE PARKS/H.P.

Dr. David Jacobs, Compliance Specialist
State Historic Preservation Office
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1300 West Washington
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Signature for SHPO Concurrence
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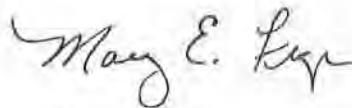
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Mr. Joe Joaquin
Cultural Affairs Office
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Sincerely yours,

Mary E. Petty

for
Karla S. Petty
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Signature for TON Concurrence
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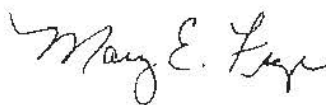
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The White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office appreciates receiving information on the proposed project, February 17, 2011. In regards to this, please attend to the following checked items below.

► ***There is no need to send additional information unless project planning or implementation results in the discovery of sites and/or items having known or suspected Apache Cultural affiliation.***

N/A - The proposed project is located within an area of probable cultural or historical importance to the White Mountain Apache tribe (WMAT). As part of the effort to identify historical properties that maybe affected by the project we recommend an ethno-historic study and interviews with Apache Elders. The tribe's ***Cultural Heritage Resource Director Mr. Ramon Riley*** may be contacted at (928) 338-3033 for further information should this become necessary.

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Thank you. We look forward to continued collaborations in the protection and preservation of place of cultural and historical significance.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Altaha

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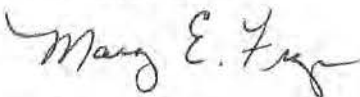
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Signature for APS Concurrence
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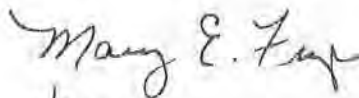
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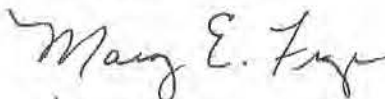
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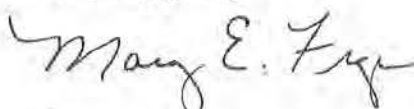
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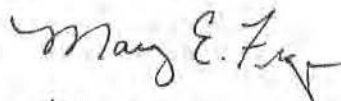
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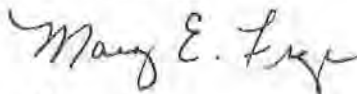
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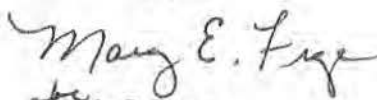
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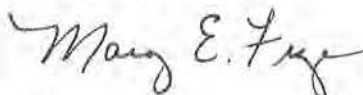
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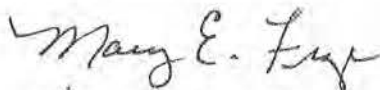
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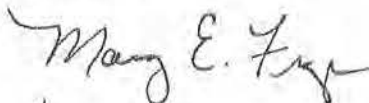
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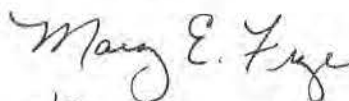
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Central Arizona Project
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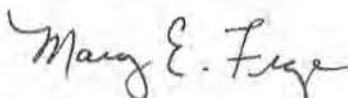
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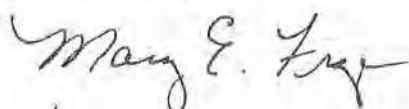
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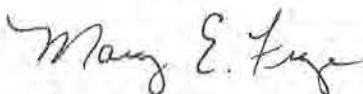
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City of Mesa
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Mesa, Arizona 85211

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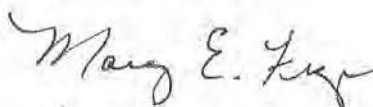
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Gila River Indian Community
P.O. Box 97
Sacaton, Arizona 85247

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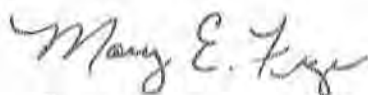
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Mr. Leigh Kuwanwisiwma
Director, Cultural Preservation Office
Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

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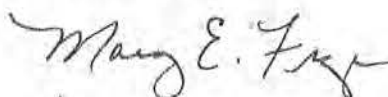
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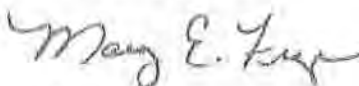
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Pinal County Farm Bureau
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Casa Grande, Arizona 85232

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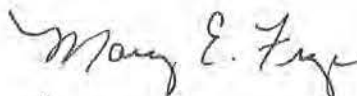
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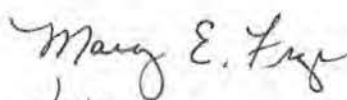
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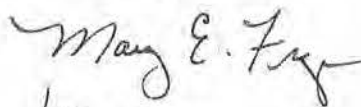
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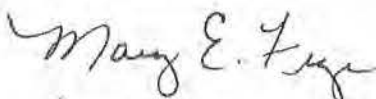
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State Historic Preservation Office
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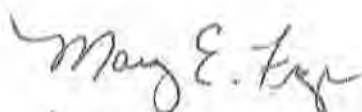
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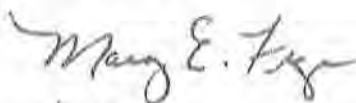
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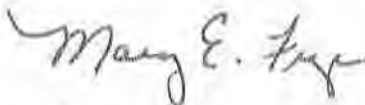
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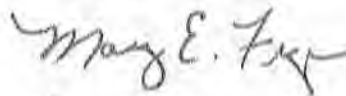
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Community Development Department
Town of Florence
P.O. Box 2670
Florence, Arizona 85132

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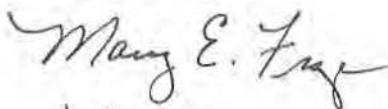
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22350 South Ellsworth Road
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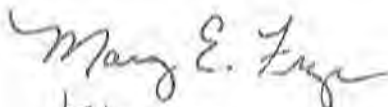
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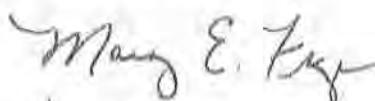
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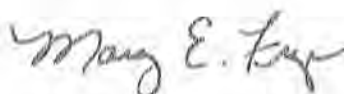
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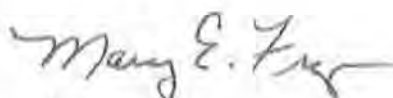
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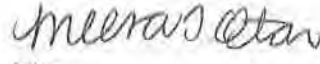
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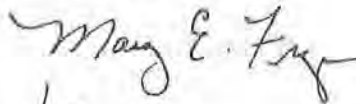
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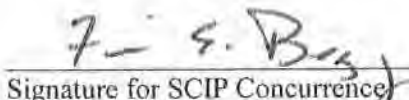
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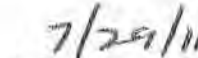
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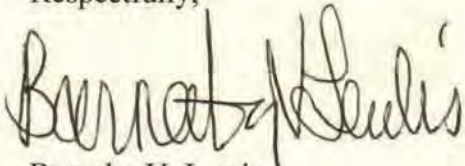
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Respectfully,

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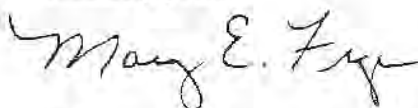
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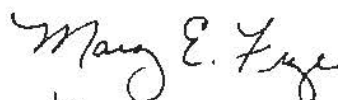
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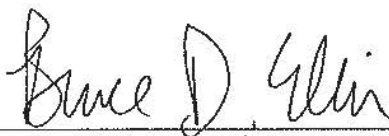
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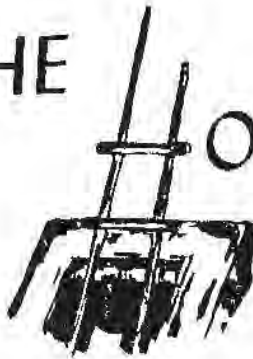
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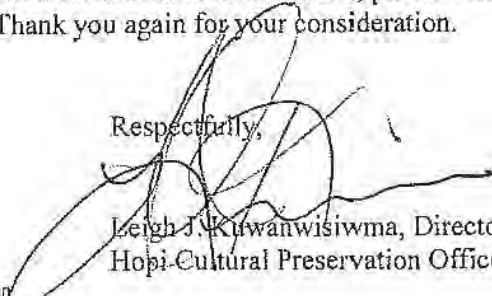
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Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

cc: Linda Davis, Arizona Department of Transportation
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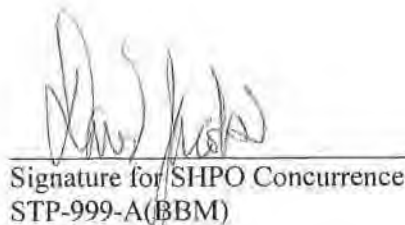
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NOTE: Two of the sites recommended as not eligible were earlier thought to be eligible by ASD (the land owner)

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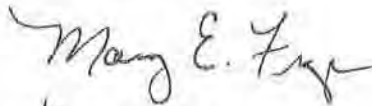
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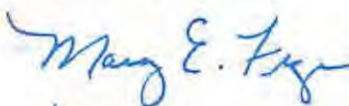
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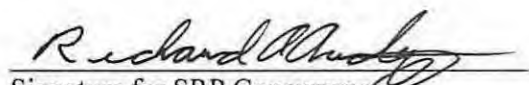
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Mr. Joe Joaquin
Cultural Affairs Office
Tohono O'odham Nation
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Sells, Arizona 85634

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Asarco LLC
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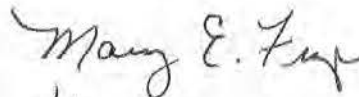
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cc:

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Date

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Because the majority of the study area has not been surveyed for cultural resources, FHWA is not making a determination of project effect at this time. Additional information regarding project scope, alternatives, and historic properties will be provided to you through continued Section 106 consultation, as it becomes available.

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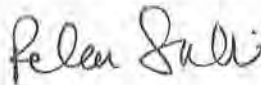
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Mr. Peter Steere
Mr. Joe Joaquin
Cultural Affairs Office
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Mr. David Kwait, President
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Camp Verde, Arizona 86322

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Tonto Apache Nation
Tonto Apache Reservation #30
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December 5, 2011

Karla S. Petty, Division Administrator
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Re: North-South Corridor Study

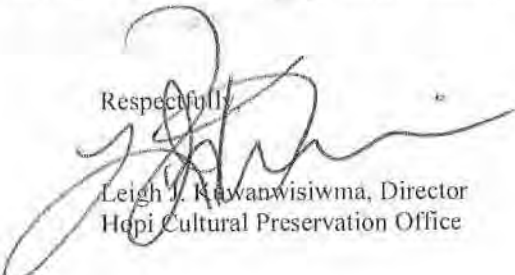
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Respectfully,


Leigh L. Kawanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

Enclosure: August 8, 2011 letter to FHWA
cc: Erin Bodine, Arizona Department of Transportation
Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



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July 8, 2011

Karla S. Petty, Division Administrator
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Re: North-South Corridor Study

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Ak-Chin Indian Community
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Prior consultation for the project defined the study area, consulting parties, recommended the development of a Programmatic Agreement, and provided the results of the Class I cultural resources inventory of the study area. ASM, Asarco LL, BLM, Reclamation, SRP, SCIP, SHPO, and TON concurred with the adequacy of the Class I inventory (Pitezal [ASM] to Petty [FHWA], July 2, 2011; Munson [Asarco] to Petty [FHWA], August 24, 2011; Sobiech [BLM] to Petty [FHWA], November 8, 2011; Ellis [BOR] to Petty [FHWA], July 14, 2011; Anduze [SRP] to Petty [FHWA], July 8, 2011; Begi [SCIP] to Petty [FHWA], July 29, 2011; Jacobs [SHPO] to Petty [FHWA], August 1, 2011; Steere [TON]

to Petty [FHWA], August 11, 2011). The Hopi Tribe responded supporting of the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and traditional cultural properties within the study area (Kuwanwisiwma [Hopi Tribe] to Petty [FHWA], March 1, 2011). The GRIC responded noting that future documents and cultural resources work performed for the project need to emphasize identification of O'odham traditional cultural properties and sacred places (TCPs), and noted that a highway of the type proposed would have significant adverse impacts upon their cultural landscape (Lewis [GRIC Tribal Historic Preservation Officer] to Petty [FHWA], October 10, 2011).

Project update

ADOT has developed a preliminary set of proposed alternative alignments for study and evaluation. Currently, the alternatives consist of a series of interconnecting alignments and options extending from US 60 in the north to I-10 in the south. A map showing the proposed alternative alignments is enclosed for your reference.

State Route 24 (SR 24) is a proposed controlled-access highway being planned for the southeastern portion of the Phoenix metropolitan area. SR 24 would intersect the proposed North-South Corridor and terminate in the vicinity of Florence Junction, near the current junction of US 60 and SR 79. The projects are being planned concurrently; however, the location of the intersection of the proposed SR 24 with the North-South Corridor is not known at this time.

Approach for Addressing TCPs

Considerations of Native American concerns and the potential impacts of a project to TCPs are integral to the planning process for new freeway construction. In review of the Class I overview, the GRIC noted that future documents and cultural resource work need to emphasize identification of O'odham TCPs. The GRIC also noted that while the existing Class I report is adequate in all other respects, GRIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) concurrence would not be forthcoming until adequate assessment of TCPs and associated "Native histories" or "cultural-historical background" is documented (Lewis [GRIC THPO] to Petty [FHWA], October 10, 2011).

Building on the information provided by the GRIC THPO, FHWA and ADOT have developed the following approach for addressing Native American concerns and potential impacts to TCPs stemming from the North-South freeway project and the SR 24 project. The TCP evaluation would address those issues identified during consultation and would be presented in a confidential TCP report with a restricted distribution. Specifically these tasks would encompass not just TCP identification per National Register of Historic Places guidelines, it also would reflect, to the extent possible, Tribal standards as well as a cultural-historical overview reflecting Tribal perspectives on the proposed study area and alternative freeway alignments. As such, this review would encompass available regional knowledge that can be garnered from or about O'odham and Pee Posh cultural beliefs and traditions without which TCP significance cannot be understood or evaluated in the context of freeway design and planning. The GRIC THPO would serve as the lead Tribal contact for the coordination of the TCP evaluation on behalf of the Four Southern Tribes. A map showing the limits of the TCP study is enclosed for your reference.

The proposed TCP Overview would address the following issues raised during consultation:

- O'odham and Pee Posh perspectives on the "culture history" of the regions in which the two corridors or study areas are situated.
- Review and evaluation of all cultural properties identified in the Class I overviews with respect to their status as TCPs.
- TCP inventory (including trails), as they may relate to O'odham song culture or the perpetuation of existing Community culture, which were not identified by Class I overviews.


- "Fragile pattern areas", non-sites, or cultural landscapes consisting of configurations of small artifact scatters, trails, shrines, and naturally occurring environmental features including springs, stands of plants, physical features or animal habitat, which may not appear in Class I studies as eligible properties.
- Presentation of results to FHWA, the Four Southern Tribes, and other consulting parties in formats that contribute to freeway design and planning and which helps to contribute to a mutual understanding of the Tribal cultural sensitivities pertaining to the two proposed corridors.

FHWA understands that Native American tribes other than GRIC may have concerns regarding historic properties of traditional, religious, cultural, or historic importance within the study area. FHWA is inquiring if the other consulting parties have information regarding TCPs concerns within the project area. Any information you provide will be considered in the project planning. If your office opts to participate in cultural resource consultation at a later date, FHWA would make a good faith effort to address your concerns.

FHWA is not making a determination of project effect at this time. Additional information regarding project scope, alternatives, and historic properties will be provided to your agency through continued Section 106 consultation, as it becomes available.

Please review the enclosed maps and the information provided in this letter. If you agree with the approach for addressing TCP's please indicate your concurrence by signing below. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the locations of the proposed freeway alignments, or the project in general, please feel free to contact Erin Bodine 602-712-8640 or email EBodine@azdot.gov.

Sincerely yours,



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Division Administrator

Signature for Ak-Chin Indian Community Concurrence Date _____
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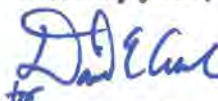
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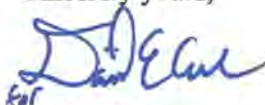
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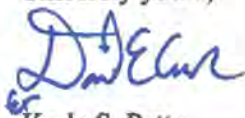
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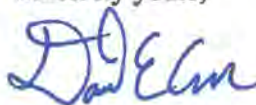
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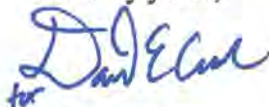
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Environmental Resource Management Division
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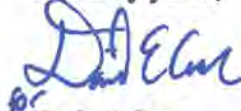
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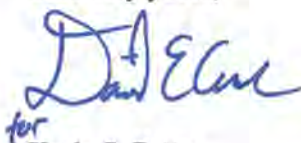
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San Carlos Irrigation Project
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Tonto Apache Reservation #30
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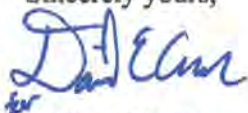
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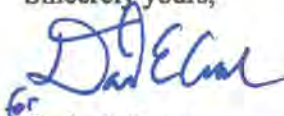
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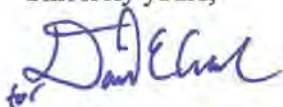
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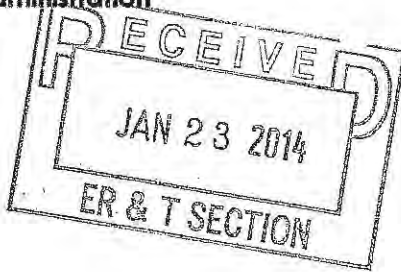
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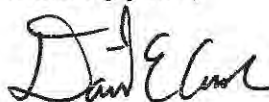
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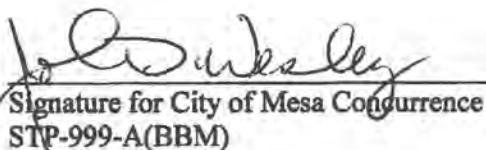
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Respectfully,

Mr. Charles A. Montoya
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Signature for Town of Florence Concurrence
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RE: STP-999-A(BBM), TRACS No. SW PN 999 H7454 01L, North-South Corridor
Study, Continuing Section 106 Consultation

Dear Ms. Petty,

The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office (GRIC-THPO) has received your consultation document dated January 21, 2014. The GRIC-THPO has responded to this undertaking on October 10, 2011. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) are proposing an undertaking to construct a multi-lane highway between Apache Junction, Arizona and Picacho, Arizona. The highway has been given the designation State Route 24. A set of four (4) corridors have been established for this undertaking. There is no preferred corridor yet. All the corridors pass through the ancestral lands of the Akimel O'Odham and regardless of the corridor chosen, the North-South road will have adverse impacts on the Akimel O'Odham cultural landscape. The identification of O'Odham traditional cultural places (TCPs) and sacred places has been emphasized by the GRIC-THPO and the FHWA and ADOT have agreed with the importance of our concerns.

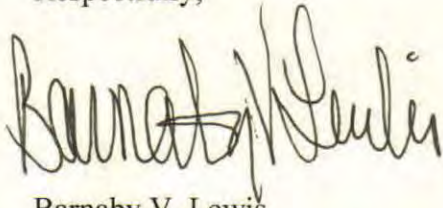
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The GRIC-THPO concurs with the FHWA study proposed for the North-South Corridor. On behalf of the Community (GRIC) we would like to acknowledge our appreciation to the FHWA and ADOT for proposing the TCP study. The proposed project area is within

the ancestral lands of the Four Southern Tribes (Gila River Indian Community; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Tohono O'Odham Nation).

Thank you for your continued consulting with the GRIC-THPO on this project. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Archaeological Compliance Specialist Larry Benallie, Jr. at 520-562-7162.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barnaby V. Lewis". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and a distinct "L".

Barnaby V. Lewis
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Gila River Indian Community



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Re: North-South Corridor Study

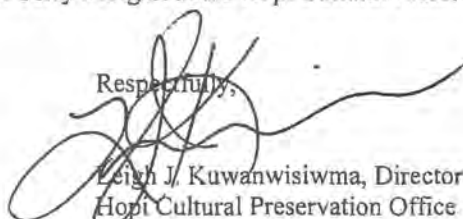
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Respectfully,



Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

xc: Erin Bodine, Arizona Department of Transportation
Barnaby Lewis, Gila River Indian Community
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Mr. John Kross, Town Manager
Town of Queen Creek
22350 South Ellsworth Road
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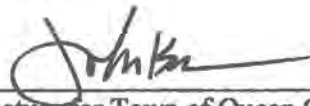
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for
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Division Administrator

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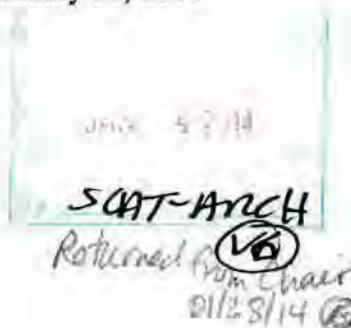
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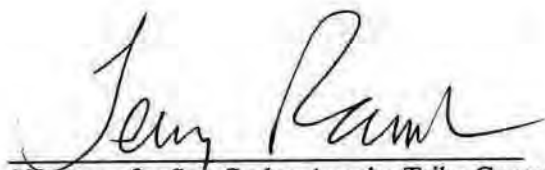
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Re: STP-999-A(BBM); HOP-AZ

Dear Ms. Petty:

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In order to facilitate timely progression of your project, I suggest that you contact Mr. Clarence Begay, Supervisory Engineer for the Irrigation Division at (520) 723-6203 or via e-mail at Clarence.begay@bia.gov. Additionally, please add Beau J. Goldstein, Acting Environmental Coordinator, to your mailing list (and remove Anna Rago); Mr. Goldstein may be contact at (602) 758-9335 or via e-mail at beau.goldstein@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

Ferris Begay
Project Manager

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State Historic Preservation Office
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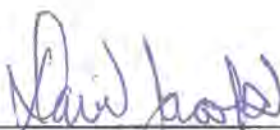
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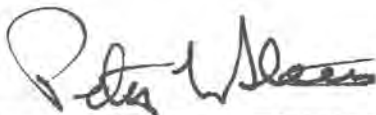
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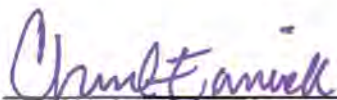
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Re: North-South Corridor Study

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- TCP inventory (including trails), as they may relate to O'odham song culture or the perpetuation of existing Community culture, which were not identified by Class I overviews.
- "Fragile pattern areas", non-sites, or cultural landscapes consisting of configurations of small artifact scatters, trails, shrines, and naturally occurring environmental features including springs, stands of plants, physical features or animal habitat, which may not appear in Class I studies as eligible properties.
- Presentation of results to FHWA, the Four Southern Tribes, and other consulting parties in formats that contribute to freeway design and planning and which helps to contribute to a mutual understanding of the Tribal cultural sensitivities pertaining to the two proposed corridors.

FHWA understands that Native American tribes other than GRIC may have concerns regarding historic properties of traditional, religious, cultural, or historic importance within the study area. FHWA is inquiring if the other consulting parties have information regarding TCPs concerns within the project area so that they can be considered in the project planning.

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Please review the enclosed maps and the information provided in this letter. If you agree with the approach for addressing TCP's please indicate your concurrence by signing below. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the locations of the proposed freeway alignments, or the project in general, please feel free to contact Erin Bodine 602-712-8640 or email EBodine@azdot.gov.

Sincerely yours,


for
Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator

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Signature for A/KNG Concurrence
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Enclosures

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From: Erin Bodine <EBodine@azdot.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 4:40 PM
To: Cantone@ak-chin.nsn.us
Subject: North South Corridor Study-TCP Report Consultation
Attachments: 999-A(BBM)Ak-Chin.pdf; North-South project and TCP study area.pdf; NS_State.pdf

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Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 4:51 PM
To: Peter.S.Yucupicio@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov
Cc: Veronica.L.Darnell@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov
Subject: North-South Corridor Study-TCP Report Consultation
Attachments: 999-A(BBM)PYT.pdf; NS_State.pdf; North-South project and TCP study area.pdf

Dear Chairman Yucupicio,

This is Erin Bodine from ADOT's HPT. How are you? I just wanted to touch base with you and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe regarding a consultation letter that was sent to your office on Jan. 21, 2014. The letter is regarding the North- South Corridor Project (H7454). The letter was primarily discussing the current plan regarding the scope of our Traditional Cultural Places Report (letter is attached). Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the current plan for the TCP Report. Please feel free to call me if you would like to chat or if you would like to meet at any time to discuss the project. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank You ☺

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Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 4:43 PM
To: Garcia-Lewis, Angela (Angela.Garcia-Lewis@SRPMIC-nsn.gov)
Subject: North South Corridor Study-TCP Report Consultation
Attachments: North-South project and TCP study area.pdf; NS_State.pdf; 999-A(BBM)SRPMIC.pdf

Hi Angela,

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From: Erin Bodine <EBodine@azdot.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 4:46 PM
To: wdavis@tontoapache.org
Subject: North-South Corridor Study- TCP Report Consultation
Attachments: 999-A(BBM)TAT.pdf; NS_State.pdf; North-South project and TCP study area.pdf

Hi Wally,

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From: Chris Coder <ccoder@yan-tribe.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 1:54 PM
To: Erin Bodine
Subject: RE: North-South Corridor Study-TCP Report Consultation

Thanks!

Best regards,

cmc

From: Erin Bodine [mailto:EBodine@azdot.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 1:48 PM
To: Chris Coder
Subject: RE: North-South Corridor Study-TCP Report Consultation

Hi Chris,

Thank you so much for your response. FHWA/ADOT will be sure to continue sending Sec 106 consultation on this project to the Yavapai Apache Nation as it proceeds further. If at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding the project, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks for your help. :)

Erin

From: Chris Coder [ccoder@yan-tribe.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 1:41 PM
To: Erin Bodine
Subject: RE: North-South Corridor Study-TCP Report Consultation

Hi Erin,

I am well. Regarding the NS corridor project we have NO concerns or comments at this time and defer to any Tribes who do in this case.

If you would like further clarification give me a call (928) 567-7026

Cordially,

Chris Coder
Archaeologist

From: Erin Bodine [mailto:EBodine@azdot.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 4:53 PM
To: Chris Coder
Subject: North-South Corridor Study-TCP Report Consultation

Hi Mr. Coder,

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Schippers, Susanna

From: Greg Glassco <gglassco@ypit.com>
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 9:25 AM
To: Erin Bodine
Subject: RE: North-South Corridor Study-TCP Report Consultation

I think Linda is mailing you a letter for this project,
You should get it soon, if not let us know, have a nice Easter,
Greg

From: Erin Bodine [mailto:EBodine@azdot.gov]
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North-South Corridor Study
Continuing Section 106 Consultation
Traditional Cultural Properties

Mr. Louis Manuel, Jr., Chairman
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 West Peters & Nall Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85138

Dear Chairman Manuel:

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Sincerely yours,



Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator

Signature for Ak-Chin Indian Community Concurrence Date _____
STP-999-A(365)X

cc:

Caroline Antone, Cultural Resource Manager (same as addressee; w/enclosures)



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In Reply Refer To:

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TRACS No. 999 PN 000 H7454 01L
North-South Corridor Study
Cooperating Agency Invitation

Mr. Bryan Bowker
Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Western Regional Office
2600 North Central Avenue
4th Floor Mail Room
Phoenix Arizona 85001

Dear Mr. Bowker:

We received a request from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, San Carlos Irrigation Project (BIA-SCIP) to become a cooperating agency for the North-South Corridor Study. This letter serves as your invitation to become a cooperating agency on the North-South Corridor Study.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as the lead federal agency, and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), as the project sponsoring agency have initiated an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Location/Design Concept Report for the North-South Corridor. The proposed North-South Corridor study area begins at the United States 60 (US 60), in the vicinity of the city of Apache Junction and extends south for approximately 45 miles to connect to Interstate 10 (I-10), in the vicinity of the city of Eloy and town of Marana. In May 2015, the proposed State Route 24 (SR 24) freeway (from the North-South Corridor to the facility's planned extension at Ironwood Drive) will be part of the project. Attached are figures showing the project location, study area, and published Notice of Intent (NOI).

The EIS will consider and assess a reasonable range of alternatives, including the no-build alternative. Issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS will include the project's impacts on cultural resources, biological resources, water quality, recreational resources, noise impacts and air quality; as well as other social, economic, and environmental impacts.

We extend the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Region, an invitation to become a cooperating agency in the development of the EIS for the subject project in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A separate invitation has been extended to the BIA-SCIP Acting Environmental Coordinator, Mr. Beau Goldstein.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), cooperating agencies are responsible to identify as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential impacts that could

substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project. We suggest that your agency's role in the development of this project should include the following activities as they relate to your area of expertise:

1. Provide meaningful and early input on defining the project purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
2. Participate in monthly coordination meetings, quarterly interdisciplinary team meetings, and joint field reviews, as appropriate.
3. Timely review and comment on pre-draft and pre-final NEPA documents to reflect views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.


In order to ensure continued project progress, please provide a written response indicating the BIA Western Region's acceptance or denial of this invitation within 30 days from the receipt of this letter. If you accept, please identify the appropriate contact person within your organization for future coordination. If your agency declines, the response should state the reason(s) for declining the invitation. Pursuant to SAFETEA-LU Section 6002, any federal agency that chooses to decline the invitation to be a cooperating agency must specifically state in its response that it:

- has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the study;
- has no expertise or information relevant to the study; and
- does not intend to submit comments on the project.

Declining or accepting this invitation will not affect the offer of coordinating agency previously extended to the BIA-SCIP. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the study or our agencies' respective roles in more detail, please contact Aryan Lirange, Senior Urban Engineer, at 602-382-8973 or aryan.lirange@dot.gov. Thank you for your participation and interest in this study.

Sincerely,



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Gila River Indian Community
P.O. Box 97
Sacaton, Arizona 85147

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Division Administrator

Signature for Gila River Indian Community Concurrence Date
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cc:

Barnaby Lewis, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Gila River Indian Community, P.O. Box 2140, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 (with enclosures)

Kyle Woodson, Director, Cultural Resource Management Program, Gila River Indian Community, P.O. Box 2140, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 (with enclosures)



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Mr. Delbert Ray, Sr., President
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
10005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

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RE: STP-999-A(365)X, TRACS No. 999 PN 000 H7454 01L, North-South Corridor Study,
Continuing Section 106 Consultation, Traditional Cultural Properties

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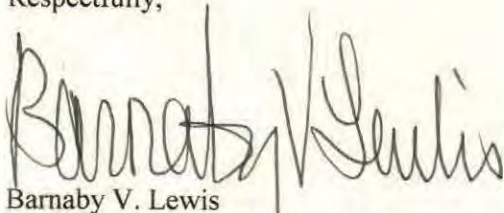
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Respectfully,



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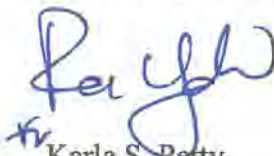
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Table 1. Summary of Traditional Cultural Properties Identified in the TCP Overview

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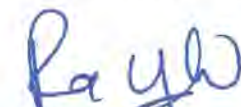
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FHWA is not making a finding of project effect at this time. Please review the enclosed report, the Table, and the information provided in this letter. If you agree with the adequacy of the report, the NRHP eligibility recommendations, and the definition of the APE please indicate your concurrence by signing below. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the locations of the proposed freeway alignments, or the project in general, please feel free to contact ADOT Historic Preservation Specialist Lori Sloat at (602) 712-6971 or email LSloat@azdot.gov.

Sincerely yours,



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Signature for Central Arizona Project Concurrence
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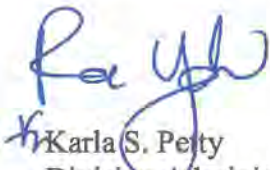
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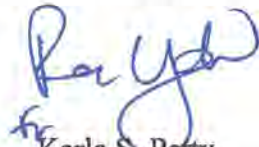
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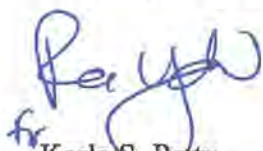
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FHWA is aware that there are traditional cultural properties located nearby but outside the Study Area important to the Hopi Tribe, such as Casa Grande Ruins, and that other TCPs may be present within the Study Area. At this time, FHWA is inquiring whether you have any concerns regarding historic properties of traditional, religious, cultural, or historic importance to your community within the APE. Any information you might provide within 30 days of receipt of this letter will be considered in the project planning. If your office opts to participate in cultural resource consultation at a later date, FHWA would make a good faith effort to address your concerns.

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Sincerely yours,



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Signature for Hopi Tribe Concurrence
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In-Between Site	AZ U:10:152 [ASM]	Outside NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Bedrock Grinding	Needs Data	
Los Monticulos	AZ U:11:41(ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt, Shrines	Recommended	A,C,D
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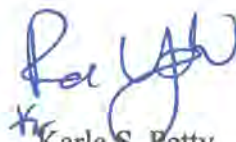
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Gook Vapchkī	Midvale Site, AZ U:10:43 (ASM)	Outside NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Reservoir	Recommended	A,B,D
In-Between Site	AZ U:10:152 [ASM]	Outside NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Bedrock Grinding	Needs Data	
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Sand Dune South Site	AZ U:10:32 (ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt	Recommended	A,C,D
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Smiley's Well	AZ U:14:73 (ASM)	Alignment Corridor	O'odham-Pee Posh	Reservoir	Not Eligible	
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Tankai	Poston Butte, AZ U:15:6 (ASM)	Alignment Corridor	O'odham-Pee Posh	Butte, Basalt Quarry	Recommended	A,D
Poston Butte Site	AZ U:15:52 (ASM)	Alignment Corridor	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt	Recommended	A,B,C,D
AZ U:14:54 (ASM)		NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt	Recommended	A,C,D
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Casa Grande Ruins	AZ AA:2:17 (ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh, Hopi, Zuni	Ballcourt, Great House	Recommended	A,B,C,D
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FHWA is not making a finding of project effect at this time. Please review the enclosed report, the Table, and the information provided in this letter. If you agree with the adequacy of the report, the NRHP eligibility recommendations, and the definition of the APE please indicate your concurrence by signing below. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the locations of the proposed freeway alignments, or the project in general, please feel free to contact ADOT Historic Preservation Specialist Lori Sloat at (602) 712-6971 or email LSloat@azdot.gov.

Sincerely yours,



Karla S. Petty
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Signature for SCIDD Concurrence
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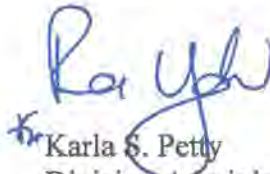
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Continuing Section 106 Consultation
TCP Overview and Technical Summary

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FHWA is not making a finding of project effect at this time. Please review the enclosed report, the Table, and the information provided in this letter. If you agree with the adequacy of the report, the NRHP eligibility recommendations, and the definition of the APE please indicate your concurrence by signing below. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the locations of the proposed freeway alignments, or the project in general, please feel free to contact ADOT Historic Preservation Team Specialist Lori Sloat at (602) 712-6971 or email LSloat@azdot.gov.

Sincerely yours,



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Signature for Union Pacific Railroad Concurrence
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Massera Ruin	AZ U:10:22 (ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt	Recommended	A,C,D
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AZ U:15:434 (ASM)	Florence Cinder Mine	Alignment Corridor	O'odham-Pee Posh	Basalt Quarry	Needs Data	
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Shonk		Alignment Corridor	O'odham-Pee Posh	Spring	Recommended	A,D
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Poston Butte Site	AZ U:15:52 (ASM)	Alignment Corridor	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt	Recommended	A,B,C,D
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Adamsville Ruin	AZ U:15:1 (ASM)	Alignment Corridor	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt, Platform Mound	Recommended	A,C,D
Grewe (Casa Grande)	AZ AA:2:2 (ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt	Recommended	A,B,C,D
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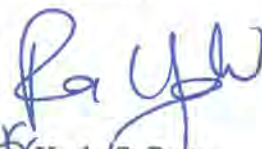
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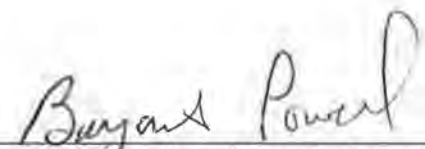
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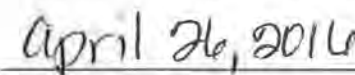
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Poston Butte Site	AZ U:15:52 (ASM)	Alignment Corridor	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt	Recommended	A,B,C,D
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Adamsville Ruin	AZ U:15:1 (ASM)	Alignment Corridor	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt, Platform Mound	Recommended	A,C,D
Grewe (Casa Grande)	AZ AA:2:2 (ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Ballcourt	Recommended	A,B,C,D
Casa Grande Ruins	AZ AA:2:17 (ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh, Hopi, Zuni	Ballcourt, Great House	Recommended	A,B,C,D
Grande Vista Site	AZ AA:2:63 (ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Platform Mound	Recommended	A,C,D
Tom Mix Big House	AZ AA:3:17 (ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Platform Mound	Recommended	A,C,D
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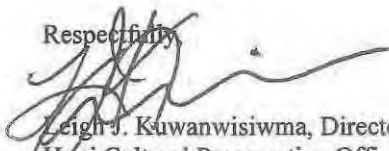
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Respectfully,



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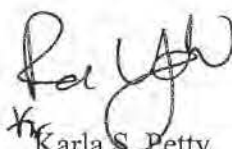
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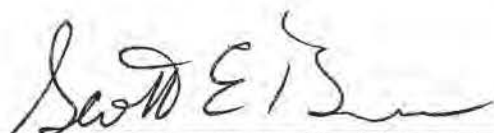
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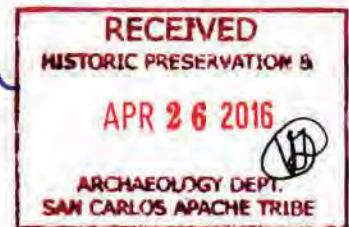
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Mr. Terry Rambler, Chairman
San Carlos Apache Tribe
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Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Yedlin

Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator



Signature for San Carlos Apache Tribe Concurrence
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Ms. Vernelda Grant, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (same as addressee; with enclosures)
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Re: STP-999-A(365)X; TRACS No. 999 PN 000 H7454 01L

Dear Ms. Petty:

Thank you for including the San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP) in your continuing National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance activities. My concurrence with the technical summary for Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) is enclosed.

As a reminder, crossing or altering SCIP irrigation facilities requires SCIP to issue an encroachment permit. In order for SCIP to issue an encroachment permit, the applicant must prepare and submit NEPA and NHPA compliance documentation. In addition to these requirements, crossings/alterations of our power and irrigation facilities requires SCIP to approve engineering plans in order to determine if the planned crossings/alterations meet SCIP's safety and operating standards.

Remove Anna Rago from your contact list for SCIP; she is no longer an employee. Address all correspondence to me, Ferris Begay, Project Manager.

Sincerely,

Ferris Begay
Project Manager

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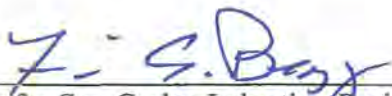
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Consulting Native American tribes that concurred with the TCP approach include the Gila River Indian Community (Lewis [GRIC THPO] to Petty [FHWA], February 28, 2014), the Hopi Tribe (Kuwanwisiwma [Hopi] to Petty [FHWA], January 28, 2014), the San Carlos Apache Tribe (Rambler [San Carlos Apache Tribe] to Petty [FHWA], January 28, 2014), the Tohono O'odham Nation (Steere [Tohono O'odham Nation THPO] to Petty [FHWA], April 7, 2014), and the Yavapai-Apache Nation (Ogo [Yavapai-Apache Nation] to Petty [FHWA], April 15, 2014). The Ak-Chin Indian Community, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Tonto Apache Tribe, and the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe did not respond.

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Tom Mix Big House	AZ AA:3:17 (ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Platform Mound	Recommended	A,C,D
I Chuulik	Eleven Mile Corner	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Place	Needs Data	
Brady Wash Site	AZ AA:3:19 (ASM)	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Platform Mound	Recommended	A,C,D
Taatkam	Feeler Mountain, Newman Peak	NSC Study Area	O'odham-Pee Posh	Mountain	Recommended	A,B,D
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In Reply Refer To:

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TRACS No. 999 PN 000 H7454 01L
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Mr. Matthew Behrend, Archaeology Cultural Affairs Specialist
Arizona State Land Department
1616 West Adams Street
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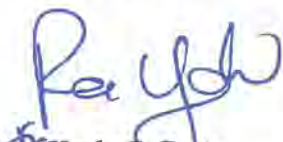
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Sincerely yours,



Karla S. Petty
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Signature for Arizona State Land Department Concurrence Date
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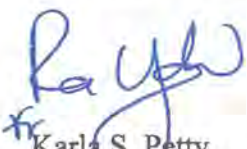
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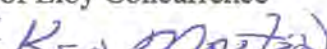
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Sincerely yours,


 Karla S. Petty
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 Signature for City of Eloy Concurrence
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April 29, 2016

Karla S. Petty, Division Administrator
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RE: STP-999-A(365)X, TRACS No. 999 PN 000 H7454 01L, North-South Corridor Study, Continuing Section 106 Consultation, Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) Overview and Technical Summary

Dear Ms. Petty,

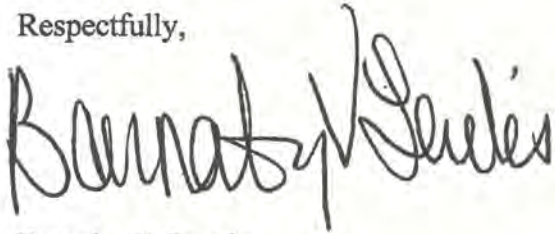
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The GRIC-THPO agrees that both reports are adequate and acceptable cultural resource management documents. The GRIC-THPO will continue to participate as lead in the consultation process of this undertaking. The proposed project area is within the ancestral lands of the Four Southern Tribes (Gila River Indian Community; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Tohono O'Odham Nation).

Thank you for consulting with the GRIC-THPO on this project. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Archaeological Compliance Specialist Larry Benallie, Jr. at 520-562-7162.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barnaby V. Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "B".

Barnaby V. Lewis
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Gila River Indian Community



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April 22, 2016

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Re: North-South Corridor Study

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Respectfully,



Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

Enclosures: July 8 and December 5, 2011, January 28, 2014 letters
cc: Lori Sloat, Arizona Department of Transportation; Barnaby Lewis, Gila River Indian Community
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January 28, 2014

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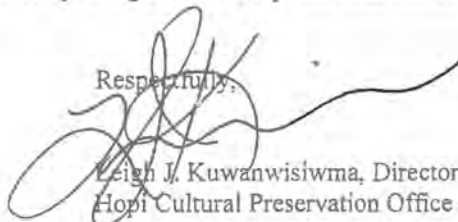
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December 5, 2011

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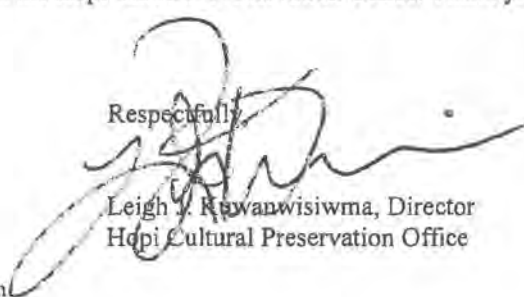
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Enclosure: August 8, 2011 letter to FHWA
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Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Leigh J. Kwawwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

xc: Linda Davis, Arizona Department of Transportation
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Ms. Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 1500
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Dear Ms. Petty:

Re: STP-999-A(365)X, TRACS No. 999 PN 000 H7454 01L, North-South Corridor Study, Continuing Section 106 Consultation TCP Technical Summary

Pursuant to your request, enclosed please find the signed letter for Town of Queen Concurrence on referenced project.

In addition, be advised Wayne Balmer has retired from the Town's employment and should be removed from your list of authorized personnel to do business on behalf of Queen Creek. Please update your records to reflect the Town's current Planning Administrator is Brett Burningham; his contact information follows.

- Address: 22350 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142
- E-Mail: brett.burningham@queencreek.org
- Phone: (480) 358-3097

Sincerely,

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John Kross, ICMA-CM
Town Manager

cc: Brett Burningham, Planning Administrator
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120 South 3rd Street
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State Historic Preservation Office
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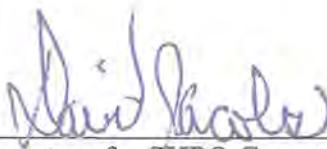
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Other consulting parties that concurred with the TCP approach included the Arizona Army National Guard (Ladd [AANG] to Petty [FHWA], April 3, 2014), the Arizona State Museum (Piteze! [ASM] to Petty [FHWA], February 22, 2014), the Arizona State Land Department (Ross [ASLD] to Petty [FHWA], February 25, 2014), the Bureau of Land Management Tucson Field Office (Sobiech [BLM] to Petty [FHWA], January 28, 2014), the Bureau of Reclamation (Smith [Reclamation] to Petty [FHWA], January 31, 2014), the City of Mesa (Wesley [Mesa] to Petty [FHWA], February 3, 2014), the San Carlos Irrigation Project (Begay [SCIP] to Petty [FHWA], February 3, 2014), the State Historic Preservation Office (Jacobs [SHPO] to Petty [FHWA], January 28, 2014), the Town of Florence (Melvin [Florence] to Petty [FHWA], March 11, 2014), the Town of Queen Creek (Kross [Queen Creek] to Petty [FHWA], January 28, 2014), and the Tucson Electric Power Company (Bonavia [TEPC] to Petty [FHWA], March 10, 2014).

Following concurrence by the consulting parties with the proposed approach, Southwest Heritage Research, LLC (SWHR), prepared a TCP overview report for the project. The results were reported in *"Traditional Cultural Property Overview for the Proposed North-South (NSC) and SR 24 (Pinal County) Freeway Corridors, Pinal County, Arizona"* (Darling 2016a). SWHR also prepared a TCP technical summary report titled *"Technical Summary: Traditional Cultural Property Overview for the Proposed North-South (NSC) and SR 24 (Pinal County) Freeway Corridors, Maricopa and Pinal Counties, Arizona"* (Darling 2016b).

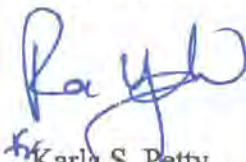
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The TCP overview study identified 52 properties (Table 1, attached). Seventeen of these properties are located outside the study area, but were included because they have a bearing on the significance of TCPs located within the study area. Forty-two properties are recommended eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as TCPs. These include 17

archaeological sites, 11 buttes, six mountains, three geoglyph sites, three reservoir sites, one spring, and one historic and extant O'odham village. Nine properties could not be evaluated for NRHP eligibility because additional data are required. These include four basalt quarries, three bedrock grinding sites, one mountain, and one named place. One property, a reservoir, is recommended not eligible for inclusion on the NRHP as a TCP. For the next step, SWHR will be documenting and evaluating TCPs within the project's APE. The results of this more detailed evaluation will be forthcoming through ongoing consultation.

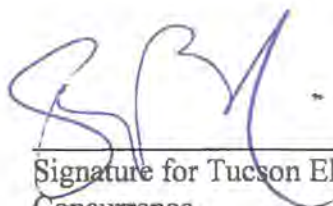
FHWA is not making a finding of project effect at this time. Please review the enclosed report, the Table, and the information provided in this letter. If you agree with the adequacy of the report, the NRHP eligibility recommendations, and the definition of the APE please indicate your concurrence by signing below. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the locations of the proposed freeway alignments, or the project in general, please feel free to contact ADOT Historic Preservation Team Specialist Lori Sloat at (602) 712-6971 or email LSloat@azdot.gov.

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. Robert Miguel, Chairman
Ak-Chin Indian Community
42507 West Peters & Nall Road
Maricopa, Arizona 85138

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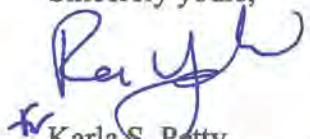
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Mr. Jon Shumaker, Archaeologist
Natural Resources Department
Arizona Public Service
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Phoenix, Arizona 85072-3933

Dear Mr. Shumaker:

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Mr. Andy Laurenzi, Southwest Field Representative
Archaeology Southwest
300 North Ash Alley
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Dear Mr. Laurenzi:

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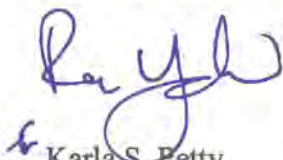
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Mr. Matthew Behrend, Archaeology Cultural Affairs Specialist
Arizona State Land Department
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Dear Mr. Behrend:

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Dr. Patrick D. Lyons, Director
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AZDEMA/AZARNG Environmental Office
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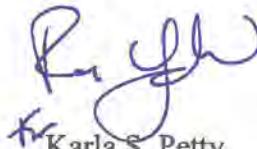
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Ms. Amy Sobiech
Tucson Field Office Archaeologist, Gila District
Bureau of Land Management
3201 East Universal Way
Tucson, Arizona 85756

Dear Ms. Sobiech:

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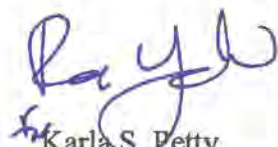
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Linda Dunlavey, Tucson Field Office Realty Specialist (same as addressee)

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Mr. Theodore C. Cooke, General Manager
Central Arizona Project
23636 North 7th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85024

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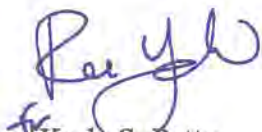
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City of Apache Junction
300 East Superstition Boulevard
Apache Junction, Arizona 85119

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Brad Steinke, Director, Development Services (same as addressee) (with enclosure)
Emile Schmid, City Engineer, Public Works, 575 East Baseline Avenue, Apache Junction,
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CLG Contact, Historical Preservation & Revitalization Commission
City of Coolidge
131 West Pinkley Avenue
Coolidge, Arizona 85128

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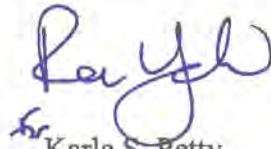
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Mr. Harvey Krauss, AICP
City Manager
City of Eloy
628 North Main Street
Eloy, Arizona 85131

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Mr. John Wesley, Acting Historic Preservation Officer
City of Mesa
P.O. Box 1466
Mesa, Arizona 85211-1466

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Mr. Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor
Gila River Indian Community
P.O. Box 97
Sacaton, Arizona 85147

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Barnaby Lewis, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Gila River Indian Community, P.O. Box 2140, Sacaton, Arizona 85147 (with enclosures)

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Mr. Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Cultural Preservation Office
Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

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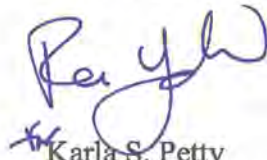
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Mr. Scott Bender, Pinal County Engineer
Public Works Department
Pinal County
P.O. Box 727 (or 31 N. Pinal Street, Bldg. F)
Florence, Arizona 85132

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Pascua Yaqui Tribe
7474 South Camino de Oeste
Tucson, Arizona 85746

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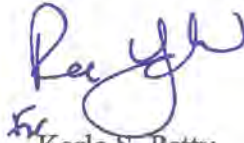
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Mr. Sean Heath, Chief
Environmental Resource Management Division
Phoenix Area Office
Bureau of Reclamation
6150 West Thunderbird Road
Glendale, Arizona 85306

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San Carlos Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 0
San Carlos, Arizona 85550

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Mr. Mike Urton, General Manager
San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District
120 South 3rd Street
Coolidge, Arizona 85128

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Mr. Ferris Begay, Project Manager
San Carlos Irrigation Project
13805 North Arizona Boulevard
Coolidge, Arizona 85128

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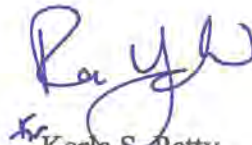
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Dr. David Jacobs, Compliance Specialist/Archaeologist
State Historic Preservation Office
1100 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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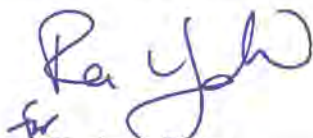
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Mr. Delbert Ray, Sr., President
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
10005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

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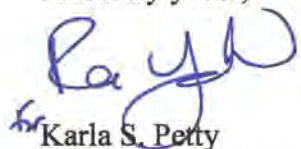
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Tonto Apache Tribe
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Wally Davis, Jr., Cultural & NAGPRA Representative (with enclosure) (same as addressee)

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Mr. Peter Steere, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Joe Joaquin, Cultural Resource Specialist
Cultural Affairs Office
Tohono O'odham Nation
P. O. Box 837
Sells, Arizona 85634

Dear Messrs. Steere and Joaquin:

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Ms. Jennifer Evans, CLG Contact-Grants Coordinator
Town of Florence
P.O. Box 2670
Florence, Arizona 85132

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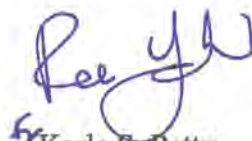
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Mr. John Kross, Town Manager
Town of Queen Creek
22350 South Ellsworth Road
Queen Creek, Arizona 85142

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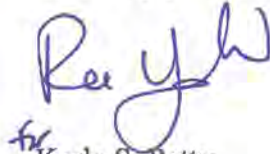
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Brett Burningham, Planning Administrator (with enclosure) (same as addressee)

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Ms. Cheryl Eamick, Land Resources Manager
Tucson Electric Power Company
88 East Broadway Boulevard, Mail Stop HQE613
Tucson, Arizona 85701

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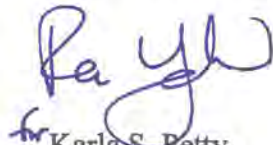
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Mr. Alexander Popovici, Manager
Industry & Public Projects
Union Pacific Railroad
631 South 7th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

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Ms. Linda Marianito, Environmental Manager\
Western Area Power Administration
615 South 43rd Avenue
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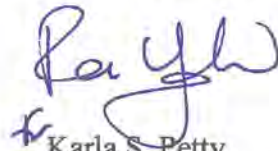
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Sean Berry, Regional Preservation Official/Archaeologist, Western Area Power Administration,
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Yavapai-Apache Nation
2400 West Datsi Street
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In prior consultation, the Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) overview and TCP technical summary reports were provided to the Four Southern O'odham tribes for review and comment and the TCP technical summary report was provided to the other consulting parties for review and comment. The Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer requested a minor change to the text on page 4 of both reports, that the term "culturally coherent" be replaced with "consistent recognition." The reports have been revised accordingly. In

addition, concurrence dates for the Four Southern Tribe's approval of the TCP technical summary report have been updated in the abstract and on page 3 of the TCP technical summary report.

A copy of the revised technical summary report is enclosed for your files. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the locations of the proposed freeway alignments, or the project in general, please feel free to contact ADOT Historic Preservation Specialist Lori Sloat at (602) 712-6971 or email LSloat@azdot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karla S. Petty".

Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator

cc:

Ms. Linda Ogo, Director, Culture Research Department (with enclosure) (same as addressee)

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April 10, 2017

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Re: **STP-999-A(365)X**
TRACS No. 999 PN 000 H7454 01L
North-South Corridor Study
Continuing Section 106 Consultation
Reports

Dear Ms. Karla Petty,

The Ak-Chin Indian Community received your letter dated March 28, 2017 regarding the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) proposal to construct a new north-to-south transportation facility linking U.S. Highway 60 (US60) near Apache Junction to Interstate 10 (I-10) between the towns of Picacho and Eloy in Pinal County, Arizona. The project also includes State Route 24 (SR 24), a proposed controlled-access highway that would connect the southeastern suburban areas of greater metropolitan Phoenix from State Route 202 (SR 202) eastward to the North-South Corridor (NSC) alignment.

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At this time, as part of our Continuing Section 106 Consultation and due to the location of the proposed project we will defer all comments to as well as concur with the Tohono O'Odham Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office located in Sells, Arizona.

If you should have any questions, please contact Ms. Bernadette Carra, CRS-Land Management at (520) 568-1337 or Mrs. Caroline Antone, Cultural Resources Manager at (520) 568-1372. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Miguel, Chairman

Lori Sloat

From: Bernadette Carra <BCarra@ak-chin.nsn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 7:48 PM
To: Lori Sloat
Cc: Rebecca Yedlin - FHWA (Rebecca.Yedlin@dot.gov)
Subject: Re: 999-A(365); H7454 North/South Corridor Study - Section 106 - seeking clarification for recent responses received

Good Evening Lori,

I did have a chance to re-read the document and you are correct in that Gila River has taken the lead on this project. I apologize for overlooking that on the document. Please disregard the letter of comment and concurrence on behalf of the Tohono O'Odham Nation. Enjoy your evening!!! 😊

Respectfully,
Bernadette C. Carra
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From: Lori Sloat <LSloat@azdot.gov>
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To: Bernadette Carra
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Subject: RE: 999-A(365); H7454 North/South Corridor Study - Section 106 - seeking clarification for recent responses received

Ms. Carra,

For this project, the GRIC is the lead for the Four Southern Tribes. I know the letter FHWA mailed is long and sometimes pieces of information can be missed. The second paragraph, on the first page, that lists the consulting parties, at the end of that paragraph the letter defines the GRIC as the lead. Also, and I can provide you a copy if you like, GRIC has informed FHWA that they are the lead for the Four Southern Tribes.

Lori

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From: Bernadette Carra [<mailto:BCarra@ak-chin.nsn.us>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 3:37 PM

To: Lori Sloat

Subject: Re: 999-A(365); H7454 North/South Corridor Study - Section 106 - seeking clarification for recent responses received

Good Afternoon Lori, due to the project location and never being informed that a lead tribe was designated. The letters are in support of the sister Tribes in regards to the Four Southern Tribes. The project impacts both the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Gila River Indian Community land management area. As well as a very small part of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community land management area. Please let me know if there is a designated lead on behalf of the Four Southern Tribes and I will defer future comments and concurrences to them specifically.

Bernadette C. Carra

> On Jun 21, 2017, at 3:24 PM, Lori Sloat <LSloat@azdot.gov> wrote:

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> Dear Ms. Carra,

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> Good afternoon. I wanted to follow-up with you on the Section 106 consultation from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the Class III survey and Traditional Cultural Properties Evaluation report for the project listed in the subject bar.

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> I have attached for your review a copy of the Section 106 letter from FHWA along with two responses received from Chairman Miguel. Both of the responses are dated April 10, 2017. One response defers to the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and the other response defers to the Tohono O'odham Nation (TON).

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> I am seeking clarification on this issue. Is the Ak-Chin Indian Community deferring to both GRIC and TON?

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> I appreciate your time and I look forward to hearing back from you.

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> Thanks,

> Lori

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> Lori C. Sloat

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Tribal Consultation Response Letter

Date: 07/08/2016

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Dear Sir or Madam:

North-South Corridor Study - Revised TCP Technical Summary Report

Under Section 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are replying to the above referenced project. Please see the appropriate marked circle, including the signatures of Vernelda Grant, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), and the concurrence of the Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe:

☒ **NO INTEREST/NO FURTHER CONSULTATION/NO FUTURE UPDATES**

We defer to the Tribe(s) located nearest to the project area.

☒ **CONCURRENCE WITH REPORT FINDINGS & THANK YOU**

☐ **REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

I require additional information in order to provide a finding of effect for this proposed undertaking, i.e. Project description ___ Map ___ Photos ___ Other _____

☐ **NO EFFECT**

I have determined that there are no properties of religious and cultural significance to the San Carlos Apache Tribe that are listed on the National Register within the area of potential effect or that the proposed project will have no effect on any such properties that may be present.

☐ **NO ADVERSE EFFECT**

Properties of cultural and religious significance within the area of effect have been identified that are eligible for listing in the National Register for which there would be no adverse effect as a result of the proposed project.

☐ **ADVERSE EFFECT**

I have identified properties of cultural and religious significance within the area of potential effect that are eligible for listing in the National Register. I believe the proposed project would cause an adverse effect on these properties. Please contact the THPO for further discussion.

We were taught traditionally not to disturb the natural world in a significant way, and that to do so may cause harm to oneself or one's family. Apache resources can be best protected by managing the land to be as natural as it was in pre-1870s settlement times. Please contact the THPO if there is a change in any portion of the project, especially if Apache cultural resources are found at any phase of planning and construction. Thank you for contacting the San Carlos Apache Tribe, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

DIRECTOR/THPO:

Vernelda J. Grant, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Date

CONCURRENCE:

Terry Rambler, Tribal Chairman

Date



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Tribal Consultation Response Letter

Date: 06/29/16 email: LS10at@azdot.gov
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Project Name/ #: STP-999-A(365)X Tracs NO.999 PN 000 H-7454 01L
Dear Sir or Madam: North-South Corridor Study

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We defer to the Tribe located nearest to the project area.

☒ **CONCURRENCE WITH REPORT FINDINGS & THANK YOU**

We support the work with the four Southern Tribes.

☐ **REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

I require additional information in order to provide a finding of effect for this proposed undertaking, i.e.
Project description ___ Map ___ Photos ___ Other _____

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DIRECTOR/THPO: _____

Vernelda J. Grant, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

06/29/2016
Date

CONCURRENCE: _____

Terry Rambler, Tribal Chairman

6/30/16
Date

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July 28, 2016

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Re: North-South Corridor Study TRACS No. 999 PN00 H7454 01L

Dear Ms. Lori Sloat,

The Ak-Chin Indian Community received your letter on July 1, 2016 requesting consultation for proposed undertaking to construct a new north-south transportation facility linking U.S. Highway 60 near Apache Junction to Interstate 10 between the Towns of Picacho and Eloy in Pinal County, Arizona.

At this time, due to the location of the proposed undertaking we will defer all comments and consultation to the Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office in Sacaton, Arizona.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Mary Soliz, Cultural Specialist at 520-568-1337 or Caroline Antone, Cultural Resources Manager at 520-568-1372. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Miguel, Chairman
Ak-Chin Indian Community



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March 23, 2017

In Reply Refer To:

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TRACS No. 999 PN 000 H7454 01L
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Ms. Shelby Manney, Cultural Resource Manager
AZDEMA/AZARNG Environmental Office
Arizona Army National Guard
5636 E. McDowell Rd., M53309
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Dear Ms. Manney:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) are proposing to construct a new north-to-south transportation facility linking U.S. Highway 60 (US 60) near Apache Junction to Interstate 10 (I-10) between the towns of Picacho and Eloy in Pinal County, Arizona. The project also includes State Route 24 (SR 24), a proposed controlled-access highway that would connect the southeastern suburban areas of greater metropolitan Phoenix from SR 202 eastward to the North-South Corridor (NSC) alignment. The project qualifies for federal funds and, as such, constitutes a federal undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Consulting parties for this project include FHWA, ADOT, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Archaeology Southwest, the Arizona Army National Guard (AANG), Arizona Public Service (APS), the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD), the Arizona State Museum (ASM), the Bureau of Land Management Tucson Field Office (BLM-TFO), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the Central Arizona Project (CAP), the City of Apache Junction, the City of Coolidge, the City of Eloy, the City of Mesa, the National Park Service (NPS), the Pinal County, the San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP), the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District (SCIDD), the Town of Florence, the Town of Queen Creek, the Tucson Electric Power Company (TEPC), Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Western Area Power Administration (Western), the Ak-Chin Indian Community (Ak-Chin), the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), the Hopi Tribe, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe (PYT), the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC), the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the Tohono O'odham Nation (TON), the Tonto Apache Tribe (TAT), the Yavapai-Apache Nation (YAN), and the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe. GRIC is the lead for the Four Southern Tribes.

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The Class III survey report includes known archaeological site names. FHWA and ADOT are aware of a new policy being drafted that would stipulate that cultural resource reports only use archaeological site numbers and not include site names. This letter is consulting with your office on the use of the known archaeological site names in the Class III survey report.

FHWA is not making a finding of project effect at this time. Please review the enclosed report, the Tables, and the information provided in this letter. If you agree with the adequacy of the report, the use of the archaeological site names in the report, and the NRHP eligibility recommendations, please indicate your concurrence by signing below. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the locations of the proposed freeway alignments, or the project in general, please feel free to contact Lori Sloat at (602) 712-6971 or email LSloat@azdot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karla S. Petty".

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Signature for AANG Concurrence
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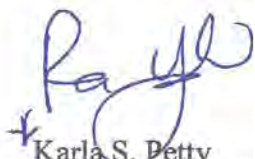
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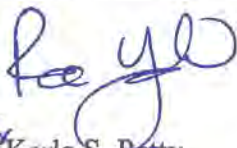
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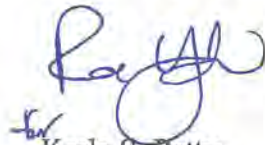
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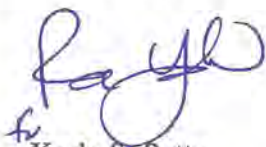
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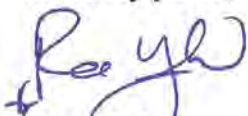
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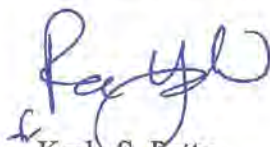
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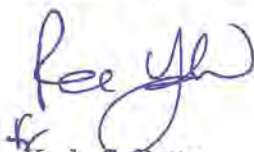
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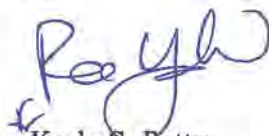
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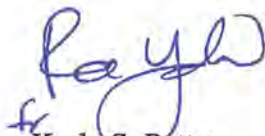
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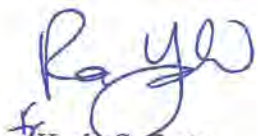
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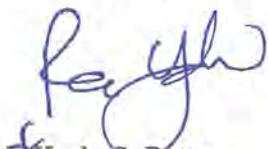
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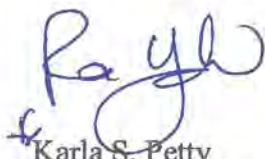
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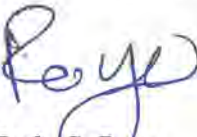
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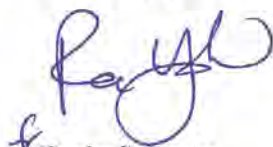
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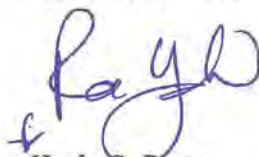
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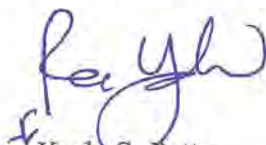
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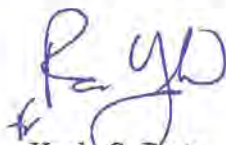
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Signature for Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe Concurrence Date
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April 10, 2017

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At this time, as part of our Continuing Section 106 Consultation and due to the location of the proposed project we will defer all comments to as well as concur with the Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office located in Sacaton, Arizona.

If you should have any questions, please contact Ms. Bernadette Carra, CRS-Land Management at (520) 568-1337 or Mrs. Caroline Antone, Cultural Resources Manager at (520) 568-1372. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Miguel, Chairman
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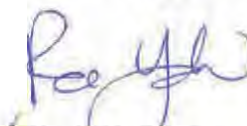
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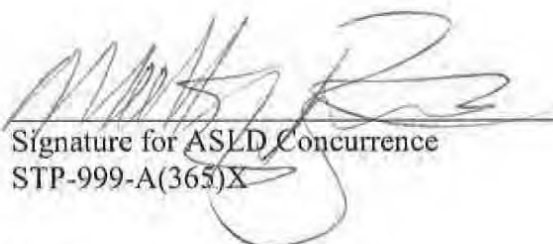
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Subject: H7454 01L Concurrence
Attachments: H7454 01L.pdf

Hi Lori,

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Thanks,

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Archaeological Records Office staff reviewed the report identified below and request revision to the report.

Date **April 19, 2017**

Re **STP-999-A(365)X**
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ASM Accession Number **2016-99**

Report Title **“Results of a Class III Cultural Resources Survey and Historical-Period Linear Resources Inventory for the North-South Corridor Study, Pinal County, Arizona” dated March 17, 2017**

Revision request(s) noted by ✓ or bold text, or both

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Depict new site boundary(ies)

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Include a research design in report

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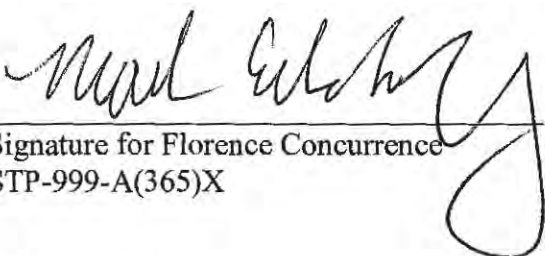
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Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator


Signature for Florence Concurrence
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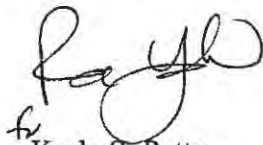
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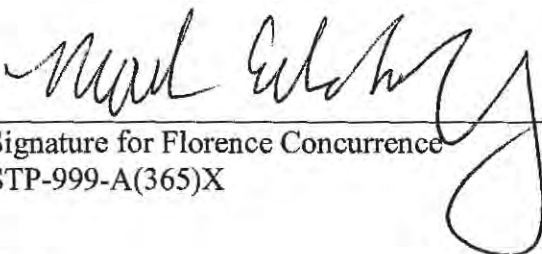
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April 4, 2017

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RE: STP-999-A(365)X, TRACS No. 999 PN 000 H7454 01L, North-South Corridor Study,
Continuing Section 106 Consultation, Reports

Dear Ms. Petty,

The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office (GRIC-THPO) has received your consultation package dated March 23, 2017. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) are proposing to develop and construct a new north-to-south transportation corridor linking United States Highway 60 (US 60) (Apache Junction, Arizona) to Interstate 10 (I-10) between Picacho and Eloy, Pinal County, Arizona. The corridor study will also include State Route 24 (SR24) connecting southeast metropolitan Phoenix to the North-South corridor.

The FHWA and ADOT continue to assess and evaluate avoidance alternatives for the North-South Corridor. A Class III archaeological survey has been conducted *for portions* of the corridor. By no means can this survey be considered a complete survey of the project area. A Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) evaluation report has also been prepared. Both reports have been submitted for Section 106 review. All of the reports that have been submitted for Section 106 review for the North South Corridor, will form the basis and guide additional archaeological and ethnographic research of the corridor when a preferred alternative is chosen.

The FHWA and ADOT are also seeking information regarding the use of archaeological site names in reporting documents such as archaeological survey reports. It is the position of the GRIC-THPO that archaeological site names such as Casa Grande, Mesa Grande, Pueblo Grande, Snaketown, Escalante, Grewe, Adamsville, Los Guanacos, La Ciudad, Los Muertos, Poston Butte, just a small example, are site names established within past archaeological literature and lore. Those names will always be with us and have become part of the nomenclature of modern archaeological work and research whether we agree or not to use these names. Archaeological site names the GRIC-THPO objects too are The Wile E. Coyote Site, This Isn't It, The Rabid Site, The Parking Lot Site, The Nothing Site, The Billboard Site, The Car Site and The Machaca Site, are but a small example of unfortunate archeological site names. The use of these names are demeaning, rude and disrespectful to our Ancestors and to the O'odham. These names can even taint, diminish, and minimize the importance of the collections that are obtained from our Ancestors' homes. Archaeologists giving these names to archaeological sites is an unacceptable practice and forms the basis of the Four Southern Tribes of Arizona objection to the use of disrespectful, thoughtless site names. The use of these kinds of archaeological site names

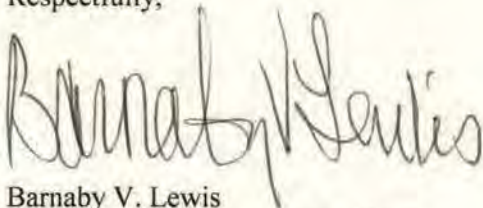
should not be used in any FHWA and ADOT cultural resource management documents. If there are questions or concerns about rather or not an archaeological site name should be used, additional consultation with the GRIC-THPO or other Tribes should be considered.

The FHWA is not presenting a finding of effect for this undertaking at this time. The GRIC-THPO does not agree that the TCP evaluation report should be distributed to any "remaining consulting parties." Who are the remaining consulting parties? The GRIC-THPO also does not agree with distribution of the Class III report to any "remaining consulting parties." The GRIC-THPO agrees that there may be adverse effects to Adamsville Ruin, Florence Village and its cemeteries, and to a TCP. The reports are acceptable cultural resource management reporting documents and we agree with the Register eligibility determinations for the sites. The use of the site names such as Adamsville Ruin, Poston Butte, Escalante, and Casa Grande are acceptable to the GRIC-THPO. In general, the use of archaeological site names should be subject to additional consultation. This issue should also be discussed in follow-up meetings.

The GRIC-THPO will continue to participate as lead in the consultation process of this undertaking. The proposed project area is within the ancestral lands of the Four Southern Tribes (Gila River Indian Community; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Tohono O'Odham Nation).

Thank you for consulting with the GRIC-THPO on this project. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Archaeological Compliance Specialist Larry Benallie, Jr. at 520-562-7162.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Barnaby V. Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Barnaby V. Lewis
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Gila River Indian Community



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April 3, 2017

Karla S. Petty, Division Administrator
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Re: North-South Corridor Study

Dear Ms. Petty,

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 23, 2017, with an enclosed cultural resources survey report, regarding the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) proposed new 45 mile long north-south highway from US 60 near Apache Junction to Interstate 10 between Picacho and Eloy. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable cultural groups throughout Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group in southern Arizona. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of our ancestral sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the FHWA and ADOT's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

In the enclosed letter dated July 8, 2011, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office reviewed the Class I Cultural Resources Inventory report and stated we understood that 313 cultural resources have been identified in the 24% of the study area has been previously surveyed. Therefore we determined that this proposal is likely to adversely affect cultural resources significant to the Hopi Tribe. In the enclosed letter dated December 5, 2011, we stated that we understood that alignment alternatives were being developed. In the enclosed letter dated January 28, 2014, we supported the Gila River Indian Community's request for an adequate assessment of their Traditional Cultural Properties in the project area, and in a letter dated April 22, 2016, we reviewed the Traditional Cultural Properties overview.

We have now reviewed the enclosed cultural resources survey report that identifies 16 National Register eligible prehistoric sites. We understand FHWA and ADOT are identifying avoidance alternatives and not making a finding of project effect at this time. Therefore, we request continuing consultation on this proposal including being provided with any proposed treatment plans for review and comment. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Leigh J. Kiwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

Enclosures: July 8 and December 5, 2011, January 28, 2014, April 22, 2016 letters
xc: Lori Sloat, Arizona Department of Transportation
Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



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April 22, 2016

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Re: North-South Corridor Study

Dear Ms. Petty,

Thank you for your correspondence dated April 18, 2016, regarding the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) proposed new 45 mile long north-south highway from US 60 near Apache Junction to Interstate 10 between Picacho and Eloy. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable cultural groups throughout Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group in southern Arizona. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of our ancestral sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the FHWA and ADOT's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

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We appreciate continuing consultation to assist us in determining which alternative may adversely affect the fewest National Register eligible prehistoric sites, and we continue to look forward to receiving copies of the cultural resources surveys of the areas of potential effect for review and comment. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

Enclosures: July 8 and December 5, 2011, January 28, 2014 letters
cc: Lori Sloat, Arizona Department of Transportation; Barnaby Lewis, Gila River Indian Community
Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



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January 28, 2014

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Re: North-South Corridor Study


Dear Ms. Petty,

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 21, 2014, regarding the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) proposed new 45 mile long north-south highway from US 60 near Apache Junction to Interstate 10 between Picacho and Eloy. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable cultural groups throughout Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group in southern Arizona. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of our ancestral sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the FHWA and ADOT's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

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We support the Gila River Indian Community's request for an adequate assessment of their Traditional Cultural Properties in the project area. And we reiterate that to assist us in determining which alternative may adversely affect the fewest National Register eligible prehistoric sites, we look forward to receiving copies of the cultural resources surveys of the areas of potential effect for review and comment. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

xc: Erin Bodine, Arizona Department of Transportation
Barnaby Lewis, Gila River Indian Community
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December 5, 2011

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Re: North-South Corridor Study

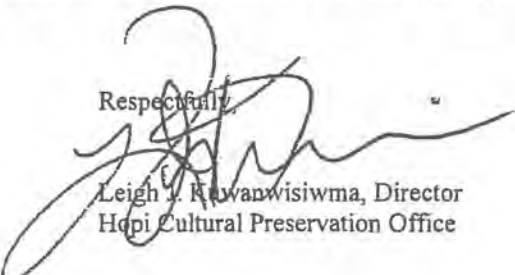
Dear Ms. Petty,

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 16, 2011, regarding the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) proposed new 45 mile long north-south highway from US 60 near Apache Junction to Interstate 10 between Picacho and Eloy. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups throughout Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group in southern Arizona. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the FHWA and ADOT's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

In the enclosed letter dated July 8, 2011, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office reviewed the Class I Cultural Resources Inventory report and stated we understand that 313 cultural resources have been identified in the 24% of the study area has been previously surveyed. Therefore we determined that this proposal is likely to adversely affect cultural resources significant to the Hopi Tribe and stated that we looked forward to receiving for review and comment additional information regarding project scope, alternatives, and historic properties, as it becomes available.

We now understand that alignment alternatives are being developed, and we will support the alternative that adversely affects the fewest National Register eligible prehistoric sites. Therefore, to assist us in determining which alternative may adversely affect the fewest National Register eligible prehistoric sites, we look forward to receiving copies of the cultural resources surveys of the areas of potential effect for review and comment. If National Register eligible prehistoric sites are identified that will be adversely affected by project activities, we request continuing consultation on any proposed treatment plans. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

Enclosure: August 8, 2011 letter to FHWA
cc: Erin Bodine, Arizona Department of Transportation
Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



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July 8, 2011

Karla S. Petty, Division Administrator
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Re: North-South Corridor Study

Dear Ms. Petty,

Thank you for your correspondence dated June 28, 2011, with an enclosed Class I Cultural Resources Inventory, for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) proposed new 45 mile long north-south highway from US 60 near Apache Junction to Interstate 10 between Picacho and Eloy. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups throughout Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group in southern Arizona. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the FHWA and ADOT's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office has reviewed the enclosed Class I Cultural Resources Inventory report and we understand that 313 cultural resources have been identified in the 24% of the study area has been previously surveyed. We further understand that FHWA is not making a determination of project effect at this time because the majority of the study area has not been surveyed for cultural resources. However, upon review of the Class I Inventory, we have determined that this proposal is likely to adversely affect cultural resources significant to the Hopi Tribe. Therefore, we look forward to receiving for review and comment additional information regarding project scope, alternatives, and historic properties, as it becomes available.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Leigh J. Kwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

cc: Linda Davis, Arizona Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Heath:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) are proposing to construct a new north-to-south transportation facility linking U.S. Highway 60 (US 60) near Apache Junction to Interstate 10 (I-10) between the towns of Picacho and Eloy in Pinal County, Arizona. The project also includes State Route 24 (SR 24), a proposed controlled-access highway that would connect the southeastern suburban areas of greater metropolitan Phoenix from SR 202 eastward to the North-South Corridor (NSC) alignment. The project qualifies for federal funds and, as such, constitutes a federal undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Consulting parties for this project include FHWA, ADOT, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Archaeology Southwest, the Arizona Army National Guard (AANG), Arizona Public Service (APS), the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD), the Arizona State Museum (ASM), the Bureau of Land Management Tucson Field Office (BLM-TFO), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the Central Arizona Project (CAP), the City of Apache Junction, the City of Coolidge, the City of Eloy, the City of Mesa, the National Park Service (NPS), the Pinal County, the San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP), the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District (SCIDD), the Town of Florence, the Town of Queen Creek, the Tucson Electric Power Company (TEPC), Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Western Area Power Administration (Western), the Ak-Chin Indian Community (Ak-Chin), the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), the Hopi Tribe, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe (PYT), the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC), the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the Tohono O'odham Nation (TON), the Tonto Apache Tribe (TAT), the Yavapai-Apache Nation (YAN), and the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe. GRIC is the lead for the Four Southern Tribes.

Previous consultation defined the study area and consulting parties, recommended the development of a Programmatic Agreement, provided the results of the Class I inventory, proposed an approach for addressing traditional cultural properties (TCPs), and defined the area of potential effects (APE) for the North-South Corridor Study area. Concurrences were received from AANG (Ladd [AANG] to Petty [FHWA], April 3, 2014), ASM (Pitezal [ASM] to Petty [FHWA], February 22, 2014), ASLD (Ross [ASLD] to Petty [FHWA], February 25, 2014), BLM-TFO (Sobiech [BLM] to Petty [FHWA], January 28, 2014), Reclamation (Smith

[Reclamation] to Petty [FHWA], January 31, 2014), City of Mesa (Wesley [Mesa] to Petty [FHWA], February 3, 2014), SCIP (Begay [SCIP] to Petty [FHWA], February 3, 2014), SHPO (Jacobs [SHPO] to Petty [FHWA], January 28, 2014), Town of Florence (Melvin [Florence] to Petty [FHWA], March 11, 2014), Town of Queen Creek (Kross [Queen Creek] to Petty [FHWA], January 28, 2014), TEPC (Bonavia [TEPC] to Petty [FHWA], March 10, 2014); GRIC (Lewis [GRIC THPO] to Petty [FHWA], February 28, 2014), the Hopi Tribe (Kuwanwisiwma [Hopi] to Petty [FHWA], January 28, 2014), San Carlos Apache Tribe (Rambler [San Carlos Apache Tribe] to Petty [FHWA], January 28, 2014), TON (Steere [TON THPO] to Petty [FHWA], April 7, 2014), and YAN (Ogo [YAN] to Petty [FHWA], April 15, 2014).

In continuing consultation on April 18, 2016, a TCP overview report and a TCP technical summary were provided to the Four Southern Tribes; and the TCP technical summary was provided to the remaining consulting parties. Concurrences were received from SHPO (Petty [FHWA] to Jacobs [SHPO], May 2, 2016); ASLD (Petty [FHWA] to Behrend [ASLD], April 26, 2016); the City of Apache Junction (Petty [FHWA] to Powell [Apache Junction], April 26, 2016); the City of Eloy (Petty [FHWA] to Krauss [Eloy], May 25, 2016); Pinal County (Petty [FHWA] to Bender [Pinal County], July 28, 2016); Reclamation (Petty [FHWA] to Heath [Reclamation], May 6, 2016); SCIDD (Petty [FHWA] to Urton [SCIDD], April 20, 2016); SCIP (Petty [FHWA] to Rago [SCIP], June 2, 2016); the Town of Queen Creek (Petty [FHWA] to Kross [Queen Creek], May 5, 2016); TEPC (Petty [FHWA] to Hutchens [TEPC], May 17, 2016); UPRR (Petty [FHWA] to Popovici [UPRR], May 3, 2016). The Corps responded via email stating the Corps does not need to participate in Section 106 consultation (Petty [FHWA] to Diebolt [Corps] April 18, 2016; Corps email April 25, 2016).

After consultation on the TCP overview report and TCP technical summary, the Four Southern Tribes (Ak-Chin, GRIC, SRP-MIC, and TON) requested a meeting with FHWA and ADOT to discuss sensitive sites that would potentially be impacted by the proposed NSC project. On August 9, 2016, a meeting was held in Casa Grande with representatives from FHWA, ADOT, Ak-Chin, GRIC, SRP-MIC, and TON in attendance. The meeting resulted in FHWA and ADOT committing to identification of avoidance alternatives.

Currently FHWA and ADOT are identifying avoidance alternatives. In the meantime, a TCP evaluation, a Class III pedestrian survey, and a built environment survey were completed for 400-foot (ft) alternative alignments within specific sections of the alternatives developed previously within the larger NSC Study area (see Figure A-1 on page A-3 in the Class III survey). The Class III pedestrian survey report is enclosed for your review and comment. The TCP evaluation is being reviewed by the Four Southern Tribes. After the Four Southern Tribes have reviewed the TCP evaluation, a version of the TCP evaluation will be sent to your office through continuing Section 106 consultation. The built environment survey report is currently being revised and will be sent out for Section 106 consultation once revisions have been completed.

The Class III survey, entitled "*Results of a Class III Cultural Resources Survey and Historical-Period Linear Resources Inventory for the North-South Corridor Study, Pinal County, Arizona*" (Hall et al. 2017) identified 24 cultural resources. The resources, National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility recommendations, and management recommendations are detailed in Table 1. In addition, 12 cultural resources previously recorded within the Class III survey area could not be located. These resources and management recommendations are detailed in Table 2.


The Class III survey report includes known archaeological site names. FHWA and ADOT are aware of a new policy being drafted that would stipulate that cultural resource reports only use archaeological site numbers and not include site names. This letter is consulting with your office on the use of the known archaeological site names in the Class III survey report.

FHWA is not making a finding of project effect at this time. Please review the enclosed report, the Tables, and the information provided in this letter. If you agree with the adequacy of the report, the use of the archaeological site names in the report, and the NRHP eligibility recommendations, please indicate your concurrence by signing below. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the locations of the proposed freeway alignments, or the project in general, please feel free to contact Lori Sloat at (602) 712-6971 or email LSloat@azdot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Yedlin

Karla S. Petty
Division Administrator



Signature for Reclamation Concurrence
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Date

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Dave Gifford, Archaeologist, Phoenix Area Office, 6150 W. Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306-4001 (w/enclosures)

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Lori Sloat

From: Gifford, David <dgifford@usbr.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Lori Sloat
Cc: Brodbeck, Mark
Subject: Re: North-South Corridor Study H7454 - phone call recap

Wow, you captured that very well. Perfect.

Thanks

On Fri, Mar 31, 2017 at 10:07 AM, Lori Sloat <LSloat@azdot.gov> wrote:

Dave,

Thank you for talking with me today about the targeted Class III survey for the North-South Corridor Study project.

Please correct me if I misunderstood anything as I recap our conversation below.

You expressed concern that the survey did not relocate AZ U:14:416(ASM) and AZ U:5:12(ASU), Frogtown. Based on previous work conducted along the CAP - salvage archaeology was conducted, surface collections took place, so that just because there is not a surface manifestation of a site, this does not mean there is not a subsurface manifestation of the site - especially upstream from the CAP because of deposition. You also reiterated the work Reclamation is doing – revisiting sites and evaluating sites.

Although the Class III targeted survey did not relocate these two sites within the 400-foot alignments, you will concur with the adequacy of the report after you check with your supervisor about the sites names, but will look at survey information provided for this project along/near the CAP (on Reclamation land) more closely as the project progresses.

Again, I appreciate your time and assistance.

Lori

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March 23, 2017

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Mr. Terry Rambler, Chairman
San Carlos Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 0
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MAR 29 2017



Dear Chairman Rambler:

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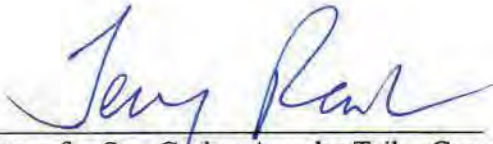
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From: Mike Urton <Mike.Urton@scidd.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Lori Sloat
Cc: Lisa Howard; Begay, Clarence; Sally Van Arsdale
Subject: Class III CRS N/S Corridor
Attachments: ADOT NS Sec106 051017.pdf

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From: Begay, Ferris <ferris.begay@bia.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 8:47 AM
To: Lori Sloat
Cc: Clarence Begay
Subject: STP-999-A(365)X

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Call me if you have any questions, my contact information is listed below.

thanks

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To: Mike Urton; Lori Sloat
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Subject: Re: Class III CRS N/S Corridor

Me Sloat,

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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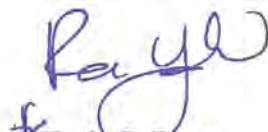
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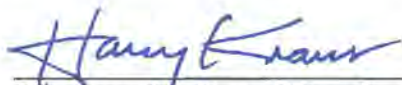
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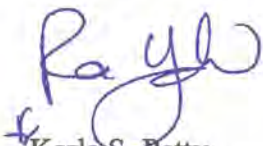
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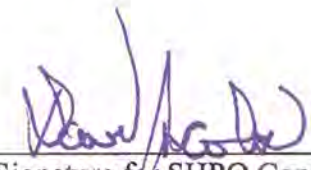
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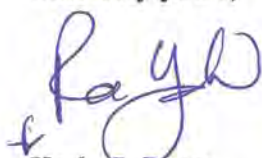
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Mr. Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor
Gila River Indian Community
P.O. Box 97
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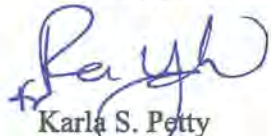
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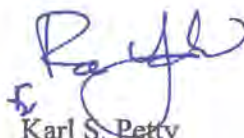
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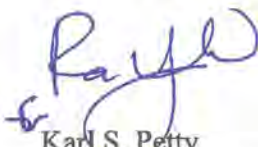
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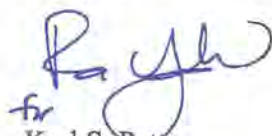
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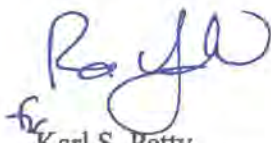
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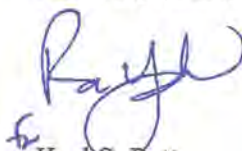
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CLG Contact, Historic Preservation and Revitalization Committee
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Sacaton, AZ 85147

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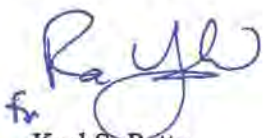
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Hopi Tribe
Cultural Preservation Office
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Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

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National Park Service, Intermountain Region
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Denver, Colorado 80225

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Pinal County
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Town of Queen Creek
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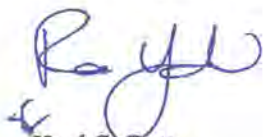
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Environmental Resource Management Division
Bureau of Reclamation – Phoenix Area Office
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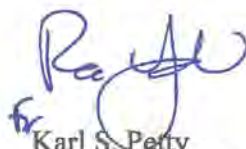
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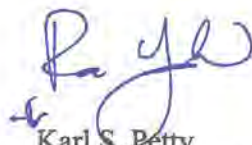
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Attn: Jesse M. Rice, ADOT Liaison, Regulatory Branch

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Miguel'.

Robert Miguel, Chairman
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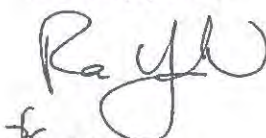
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