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Arizona FY 2009-2012
Statewide Transportation Program (STIP)
Approval of Amendment No. 18

Mr. John S. Halikowski, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation, (100A)
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Attention: Rakesh Tripathi

Dear Mr. Halikowski:

We have reviewed your March 26, 2009 request to amend the FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the enclosed list of 5 projects on State Highways in Maricopa County utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds. All of these projects fall within the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) planning region. MAG Regional Council took action on March 25, 2009 to amend the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these projects.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this STIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment are either exempt or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations [40 CFR §93.126].

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of Amendment 18 into the Arizona FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Our approval is based upon the Arizona Department of Transportation's assurance that the funding for the project in this amendment will not adversely impact the STIP Financial Plan. Given the high level of interest in the ARRA program at the national level, we would request that ADOT include the list of ARRA projects in this amendment on the ADOT website in such a way that they are easily distinguishable to the Public as ARRA funded projects. Since this amendment only contains highway projects, FHWA is the lone signatory on behalf of both agencies under the 2004 FHWA/FTA Memorandum of Understanding.

Sincerely yours,

Edward S. Stillings
Engineering Development Coordinator

Enclosure

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March 26, 2009

Mr. Robert Hollis
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RE: FY 2009-2012 STIP, Amendment Number 18

Dear Mr. Hollis:

As the Governor's designee, I approve the action taken by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council on March 25, 2009, to amend the MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I cordially request Amendment Number 18 of the FY 2009-2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the attached table of project modifications.

This amendment is in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and was developed based on a continuing, co-operative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program, by this amendment, are either exempt or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determination [40 CFR §93.126]. The funding for the projects in this amendment will not adversely impact the STIP Financial Plan.

Your prompt approval of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John S. Halikowski

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March 26, 2009

Mr. John Halikowski, Interim Director
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Dear ^{John} Mr. Halikowski:

On July 25, 2007, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). On March 25, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved an amendment and an administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 TIP for transportation funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. This amendment and administrative modifications includes highway projects and transit projects programmed with ARRA funds in the MAG region. Details of these project changes are shown in the attached table. As the Governor's designee for approval of TIP's and TIP amendments, we request your expeditious approval of the amendment and modification of the TIP, which are necessary to ensure the continuation of the projects involved. In addition to approval of the TIP amendment and modification, we also request that ADOT process the necessary amendment to the relevant Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as soon as possible.

All of the above mentioned projects are regarded as either exempt for air quality purposes or are regarded as minor project revisions that do not require conformity determinations. The conformity consultation process on these projects concluded on March 25, 2009 with no specific comments regarding the projects being received.

Your support and the assistance of your staff in ensuring the timely progression of these projects is much appreciated. We look forward to a continuing close relationship with the State in meeting the transportation needs of our region. Please contact me or Eileen Yazzie at the MAG office if you need any clarification regarding these amendments.

Sincerely,

Dennis Smith
Executive Director

cc: Ed Stillings, FHWA;
Jerome Wiggins, FTA
Hymie Luden, FTA
Rakesh Tripathi, ADOT MPD
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A Voluntary Association of Local Governments in Maricopa County

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Town of Queen Creek ▲ Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ▲ City of Scottsdale ▲ City of Surprise ▲ City of Tempe ▲ City of Tolleson ▲ Town of Wickenburg ▲ Town of Youngtown ▲ Arizona Department of Transportation

**Request for Project Change
Administrative Modifications to the FY08-12 TIP
Approved by MAG Regional Council - March 25, 2009**

TABLE A Highway Projects - TIP FY2008-2012 Administrative Modifications										
TIP #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	FY	Length	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Total Cost	Requested Change
DOT09-815	ADOT	I-10: Verrado Way - Sarival Rd	Construct General Purpose Lane	2009	1	ARRA		\$43,200,000	\$ 43,200,000	Admin Mod: Change funding type from State (STAN funding not available) to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.
DOT09-818	ADOT	I-17: SR74-Anthem Way	Construct General Purpose Lane	2009	5	ARRA		\$20,868,488	\$ 20,868,488	Admin Mod: Change funding type from State (STAN funding not available) to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Budget has decreased from \$30.5 million to \$20.9 million.
DOT09-6C00R	ADOT	US 60: SR 303L - 99th Ave	10 Miles Widening	2009	10	ARRA		\$45,000,000	\$ 45,000,000	Admin Mod: Change funding type from NHS funds to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.
DOT07-332	ADOT	US 60: 99th Ave - 83rd Ave	2.5 Miles Widening	2009	1.7	ARRA		\$11,200,000	\$ 11,200,000	Admin Mod: Change funding type from NHS funds to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.
DOT12-840	ADOT	Loop 101: Beardsley Rd / Union Hills	Tl Improvement - Widening Union Hills and Bridge with Beardsley connector	2009	0.2	ARRA	\$18,250,000	\$9,250,000	\$ 27,500,000	Admin Mod: Change funding type from State funds to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.