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Tucson Non-attainment Area
Pima Association of Governments
FY 2012-2016 TIP Conformity Finding
(Maintenance Area)
HPM-AZ

Mr. Gary G. Hayes, Executive Director
Pima Association of Governments
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Dear Mr. Hayes:

In accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, a conformity finding of the transportation plans and programs in a non-attainment area is required of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Based on our evaluation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) finding of conformity and related documentation, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the MPO and the State Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration have determined that the Tucson, Arizona urbanized area has met the requirements of the EPA Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93).

A Finding of Conformity is hereby made with respect to the subject Transportation Improvement Program as approved by PAG Regional Council on June 9, 2011. A Finding of Conformity was made previously on the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan on September 30, 2010.

This conformity determination is in effect until such time as a new determination is required either by new regulatory requirements, major revision of transportation plans, or a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision.

Sincerely,

Karla S. Petty

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Division Administrator

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