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Re: Request for an Exception to the Rule regarding Significant Projects on Federally  
Funded Projects  
303-A(206)N  
303 MA 104 H7139 01C  
I-10/SR 303L System Traffic Interchange (Phase I)

Dear Mr. Hansen:

We understand this project, by virtue of being on an Interstate (I-10) and located within the boundaries of a designated Transportation Management Area (the MAG region) that will occupy the project location for more than three days with either intermittent or continuous lane closures, is classified as a Significant Project (as defined by the updated Rule set forth by the FHWA as part of their Work Zone Mobility and Safety Program).

We also understand that the Rule allows an agency to request an exception to the requirements triggered by the classification from the FHWA Division Office, if in the judgment of the agency the project does not cause sustained work zone impacts.

For this project, the contractor is directed via the Special Provisions that they shall establish the traffic control necessary to provide a safe and efficient work zone without unduly delaying traffic.

The contractor is also required to provide a schedule of daily activities and corresponding traffic control schemes. The construction schedule and associated traffic schemes shall be developed in such a manner that access is maintained at all times to adjacent businesses, unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.

The Special Provisions for this project state that full freeway, freeway lane, ramp and street closures will not be allowed except as shown in the project plans and/or as specified in Subsection 104.04 of the Special Provisions.

I-10 will maintain the existing three lanes of traffic in each direction except for occasional night-time (off-peak) and weekend single-lane or double-lane closures as specified in Table 104-1 of the Special Provisions. Under no conditions will a full-freeway closure be allowed in either the eastbound or westbound direction.

As part of this project, the Department will be implementing a Transportation System Management (TSM) program. The purpose of this program is to keep the motoring public, adjacent homeowners and businesses, transportation officials from the City of Goodyear, emergency responders and other interested parties informed of the status of construction, changes in traffic-handling and routing, and other aspects of construction which affect nearby residents, businesses and commuters. TSM efforts will be described in a TSM Manual and will be directed by a Steering Committee including Department officials and representatives of the local jurisdictions, design consultants, traffic design consultants, local and regional emergency responders and others. The contractor's project manager will serve on the TSM Steering Committee, participate in the preparation of information communicating construction status and progress, traffic handling schemes, emergency response measures (including ingress/egress to the project site) and other aspects of the project of interest to the public and local jurisdictions, and provide information regarding the status of construction and planned activities which will affect the public and local jurisdictions, for use and distribution by the TSM Steering Committee at its planned monthly meetings. Contractor's Reports at each meeting will summarize project progress during the past month and provide information regarding construction sequencing and scheduling and traffic handling for the month ahead.

Based on the depth and extent to which this project strives to minimize the level of disruption to traffic, it is the judgment of the Department that this project does not cause sustained work zone impacts. I hereby respectfully request an exception from the FHWA to the requirements triggered by this classification.

Sincerely,

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