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I-10, SR 85 to Verrado Way
Air Quality Conformity Determination

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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) received your request dated April 26, 2019 for a project-level air quality conformity determination for the Interstate 10 (I-10), State Route (SR) 85 to Verrado Way project [010-A(232)T, 010 MA 112 F0119 01C]. The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion, enhance regional mobility, and improve access to residential and commercial developments by increasing the capacity of I-10 between the SR 85/I-10 Traffic Interchange and Verrado Way. The project adds a single general purpose lane in the median of I-10 in both directions of travel between the SR 85 and Verrado Way and reconstructs the existing traffic interchanges with Diverging Diamond Interchanges at Watson and Miller Roads.

The project is located in the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) planning boundary, which is an area designated nonattainment for Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) and Ozone and is designated as a maintenance area for Carbon Monoxide (CO). PM₁₀ and CO are subject to project level conformity requirements under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

As stated in your letter the project is included in the regional conformity analysis conducted by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) for the MAG 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and FY2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which was approved on February 7, 2019. On October 29, 2018, FHWA reviewed the project of air quality concern analysis and found it to be consistent with the guidance in 40 CFR 93.123 and concurred that the documentation was ready for the interagency consultation process described in 40 CFR 93.105.

Based on our review of the air quality analysis and interagency consultation information provided by ADOT, regarding the this project and the scope of work, FHWA is making the determination that this project meets the air quality conformity requirements. If there are any questions on this determination, please contact Alan Hansen at 602-382-8964 or alan.hansen@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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