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In Reply Refer To:
(TRAP 19 - MPO)
Phoenix Non-attainment Area
Western Pinal County Non-attainment Area
Maricopa Association of Governments
Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
Conformity Finding

Mr. Eric Anderson, Executive Director
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Ms. Irene Higgs, Director
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Dear Mr. ~~Anderson~~: Eric
Dear Ms. Higgs:

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 Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO) Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) finding of conformity and related documentation submitted in your June 28, 2018 letters, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the MPOs and the State Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration have determined that the Phoenix, Arizona and the Casa Grande, Arizona urbanized areas have met the requirements of the EPA Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93). This includes the West Pinal PM-10 and West Central Pinal PM-2.5 non-attainment areas, portions of which are located in each of the respective MPO Planning Area Boundaries as well as the Maricopa non-attainment and maintenance areas.

A Finding of Conformity is hereby made with respect to the subject amended FY2018-2022 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan as

approved by MAG Regional Council on June 27, 2018 and the amended FY2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2040 as approved by the SCMPO Executive Board on June 19, 2018. A Finding of Conformity was made previously on the MAG 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2018-2022 TIP on October 12, 2017. The conformity finding for the SCMPO FY2016-2025 TIP and 2040 RTP was also made on October 12, 2017.

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
Division Administrator

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June 28, 2018

Ms. Karla Petty, Administrator
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Dear Ms. ~~Petty~~ Karla:

On June 27, 2018, the MAG Regional Council approved a new Finding of Conformity for a proposed amendment to the FY 2018-2022 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2040 MAG Regional Transportation Plan. At this time, it is requested that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration initiate the process to make a new conformity determination with respect to the amended FY 2018-2022 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for the Maricopa nonattainment and maintenance areas and the Pinal nonattainment areas.

On May 2, 2018, MAG transmitted a conformity analysis for the proposed amendment to the TIP and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for consultation. The proposed amendment to the TIP and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan includes the MAG Regional Freeway and Highway Program changes on Interstate-10, Arterial Life Cycle Program revisions for construction work year and opening dates, and Transit Life Cycle Program revision for the Tempe Streetcar opening to 2021. Additionally, projects that remove or narrow motor vehicle lanes for bicycle and pedestrian improvements are also included.

Consultation on the proposed amendment to the TIP and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, and the conformity analysis, were made available for a 30-day public review period beginning on May 2, 2018. In addition, on June 5, 11, and 19, 2018, MAG provided notification of minor revisions to the information for consultation. It is important to note that these minor revisions did not impact the regional emissions analysis previously transmitted for consultation on May 2, 2018. No comments were received. Supporting

documentation on the conformity analysis for the amendment to the TIP and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Dean Giles at (602) 254-6300.

Sincerely,

Eric Anderson
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Edward Stillings, FHWA Arizona Division

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SunCorridor
Metropolitan Planning Organization

June 28, 2018

Ms. Karla Petty, Administrator
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Dear Ms. Petty:

The Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is requesting that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration initiate the process to make a new conformity determination with respect to a proposed amendment to the FY 2016-2025 Sun Corridor MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2040 for the Pinal County PM-10 and PM-2.5 nonattainment areas. On June 19, 2018, the Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board approved a new Finding of Conformity for the proposed amendment to the FY 2016-2025 Sun Corridor MPO TIP and RTP 2040.

On May 2, 2018, the Sun Corridor MPO transmitted a conformity assessment that included the Spring 2018 Conformity Analysis for the FY 2016-2025 Sun Corridor MPO TIP and RTP 2040 to you for consultation.

In addition, the FY 2016-2025 Sun Corridor MPO TIP, RTP 2040, and the 2017 Conformity Assessment were made available on the Sun Corridor MPO website for the 30-day public review period beginning on May 2, 2018. No comments were received from the public.

Supporting documentation on the conformity assessment for the proposed amendment to the FY 2016-2025 Sun Corridor MPO TIP, RTP 2040, and 2017 Conformity Analysis, is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (520) 705-5143.

Sincerely,

Irene Higgs

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Enclosure
Ed Stillings, FHWA via email