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Tucson Non-attainment Area
Pima Association of Governments
2045 Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan and
FY 2018-2022 TIP Conformity Finding
(Maintenance Area)

Mr. Farhad Moghimi, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Moghimi:

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 unchanged 2045 Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan and FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as approved by PAG Regional Council on May 25, 2017. A Finding of Conformity was made previously on the 2045 Regional Mobility and Accessibility Plan and the FY 2016-2020 TIP on July 5, 2016.

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,

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Division Administrator

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

This transmittal constitutes a formal request for a finding of transportation conformity by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Pima Association of Governments' (PAG) 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The PAG Regional Council made a transportation conformity determination on May 25, 2017, for the 2018-2022 TIP. In support of this request, PAG is submitting the Legal Action Report of the May 25, 2017 Regional Council meeting to indicate unanimous approval of the 2018-2022 TIP and the air quality conformity determination.

State Implementation Plan (SIP) transportation control measures continue to be implemented on schedule as required by 40 CFR 93.113; the PAG 2018-2022 TIP complies with the fiscal constraint requirement as required by 40 CFR 93.108; the interagency consultation procedures required by 40 CFR 93.105 are being met; no adverse comments regarding conformity were received during the public participation process held by PAG policy and planning committees, and no carbon monoxide (CO) monitors in the Tucson Air Planning area exceeded 7.65 ppm CO during the past five years (85 percent of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for CO).

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Susanne Cotty, Sr. Air Quality Planner, at scotty@pagregion.com or call (520) 495-1465 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Farhad Moghimi, Executive Director
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Attachment