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Western Pinal County Non-attainment Area
Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
Conformity Finding

Ms. Irene Higgs, Acting Director
Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
211 N Florence Street, Ste 103
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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 Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO) finding of conformity and related documentation submitted in your March 15, 2016 letter, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the State Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration have determined that the Casa Grande, Arizona urbanized area has 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 SCMPO and MAG MPO Planning Area Boundaries.

A Finding of Conformity is hereby made with respect to the subject FY2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2040 Regional Transportation Plan as approved by the SCMPO Executive Board on March 15, 2016. A Finding of Conformity was made previously on the SCMPO Listing of Transportation Projects on July 9, 2015.

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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