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Phoenix Non-attainment Area
Western Pinal County Non-attainment Area
Maricopa Association of Governments
Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
Conformity Finding

Mr. Dennis Smith, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Smith:
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 27, 2016 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 FY2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amended 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as approved by MAG Regional Council on June 22, 2016 and the amended FY2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2040 as approved by the SCMPO Executive Board on June 14, 2016. A Finding of Conformity was made previously on the MAG Updated Regional Transportation Plan and Amended FY 2014-2018 TIP on July 9, 2015. The conformity finding for the SCMPO FY2016-2025 TIP and 2040 RTP was made on April 27, 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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