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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

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Ms. Irene Higgs, Director
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

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) finding of conformity and related documentation submitted in your September 25, 2019 letter, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO) 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 September 25, 2019. No changes were made to the previously amended FY2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2040 as approved by the SCMPO Executive Board on June 18, 2019.

A Finding of Conformity was made previously on the MAG 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and FY 2018-2022 TIP on August 1, 2019. The previous conformity finding for the SCMPO FY2016-2025 TIP and 2040 RTP was also made on August 1, 2019.

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.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Mr. Ed Stillings of FHWA Arizona Division at (602) 382-8966 or ed.stillings@dot.gov; or Ms. Dominique Kraft of FTA Region IX at (415) 734-9469 or dominique.kraft@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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Karla S. Petty
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September 25, 2019

Ms. Karla Petty, Administrator
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Dear Ms. ^{KADA}Petty:

On September 25, 2019, 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 August 9, 2019, 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 rebalancing of the Regional Freeway Life Cycle Program.

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 August 9, 2019. In addition, on September 4 and 18, 2019, 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 August 9, 2019. 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,

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Eric J. Anderson
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Edward Stillings, Federal Highway Administration, Arizona Division

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