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Project Level PM Quantitative Hot-Spot Analysis -Project of Air Quality Concern Questionnaire

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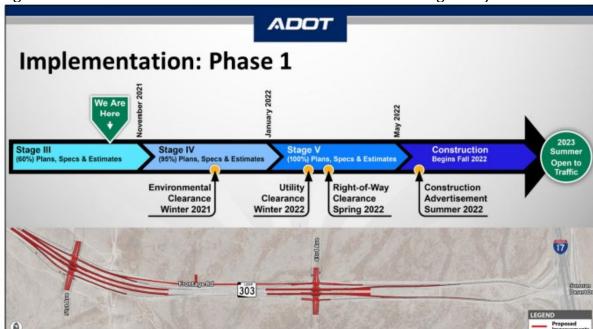


Figure 1. SR 303L 51st Avenue and 43rd Avenue Traffic Interchanges Project Schedule

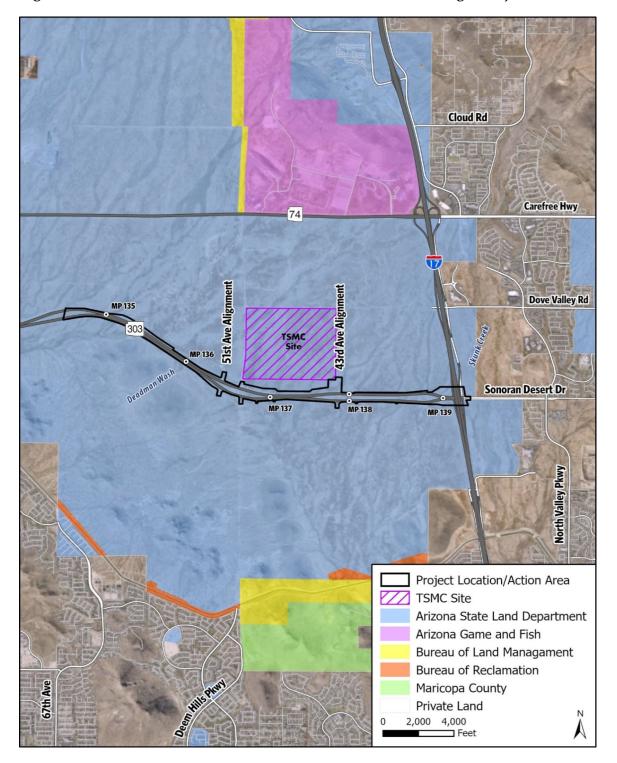
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Figure 2. SR 303L 51st Avenue and 43rd Avenue Traffic Interchanges Project Area



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Project Assessment

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- iii) New bus and rail terminals and transfer points that have a significant number of diesel vehicles congregating at a single location;
- iv) Expanded bus and rail terminals and transfer points that significantly increase the number of diesel vehicles congregating at a single location; and
- v) Projects in or affecting locations, areas, or categories of sites which are identified in the PM_{10} or $PM_{2.5}$ applicable implementation plan or implementation plan submission, as appropriate, as sites of violation or possible violation.

If the project matches one of the listed project types in 40 CFR 123(b)(1) above, it is considered a project of local air quality concern and the hot-spot demonstration must be based on quantitative analysis methods in accordance to 40 CFR 93.116(a) and the consultation requirements of 40 CFR 93.105(c)(1)(i). If the project does not require a PM hot-spot analysis, a qualitative assessment will be developed that demonstrates that the project will not contribute to any new localized violations, increase the frequency of severity of any existing violations, or delay the timely attainment of any NAAQS or any required emission reductions or milestones in any nonattainment or maintenance area.

On March 10, 2006, EPA published *PM2.5* and *PM10* Hot-Spot Analyses in Project-Level Transportation Conformity Determinations for the New PM2.5 and Existing PM10 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Final Rule describing the types of projects that would be considered a project of air quality concern and that require a hot-spot analysis (71 FR 12468-12511). Specifically, on page 12491, EPA provides the following clarification: "Some examples of projects of air quality concern that would be covered by § 93.123(b)(1)(i) and (ii) are: A project on a new highway or expressway that serves a significant volume of diesel truck traffic, such as facilities with greater than 125,000 annual average daily traffic (AADT) and 8% or more of such AADT is diesel truck traffic;"." Expansion of an existing highway or other facility that affects a congested intersection (operated at Level-of-Service D, E, or F) that has a significant increase in the number of diesel trucks;". These examples will be used as the baseline for determining if the project is a project of air quality concern.

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New Highway Capacity

Is this a New highway project that has a significant number of diesel vehicles? *Example: total traffic volumes* ≥125,000 *annual average daily traffic (AADT) and truck volumes* ≥10,000 *diesel trucks per day (8% of total traffic).*

NO - This project is not a new highway project.

Expanded Highway Capacity

Is this an expanded highway project that has a significant increase in the number of diesel vehicles? Example: the build scenario of the expanded highway or expressway causes a significant increase in the number of diesel trucks compared with the no-build scenario, truck volumes > 8% of the total traffic.

NO – This project is not expanding a highway it is adding traffic intersections. Table 1 summarizes the average annual daily traffic (AADT) (total and trucks) in the project area for the existing scenario and Build Alternative interim and design years, which were obtained from the MAG *Spring 2021 Conformity Regional Model Run* (MAG 2021a). The 2025 interim Build Alternative incorporates the current project design includes construction of the 51st and 43rd avenue traffic interchanges, temporary connectors from Loop 303 mainline paving to the frontage road system and the frontage road on the north side of Loop 303 between 43rd Avenue and 51st Avenue. The current project is not a road capacity project, although future build scenarios in 2040 is provided for informational purposes. As shown in Table 1, truck percentages in 2040 will increase by only 0.5% relative to the No Build Alternative for that future design year; therefore, this project will not contribute to a significant increase in ramp track traffic under future build scenarios. Therefore, this project will not cause a significant increase in the number of diesel vehicles.

TABLE 1. SR 303L Mainline (2-way volumes) -- For Informational Purposes Only

AADT and	2022 E	2022 Existing 2025 2040 Interim No-Buil			2040	Build	Difference No-Build-to- Build			
Truck Volumes	AADT	Trucks (%)	AADT	Trucks (%)	AADT	Trucks (%)	AADT	Trucks (%)	AADT	Trucks
W of 51st Ave	13891	1763 (12)	20947	2933 (14)	43631	4913 (11.5)	92210	11065 (12)	48579	6152 (<1%)
@ 51st Ave	13891	1763 (12)	19746	2764 (14)	43631	4913 (11.5)	82000	9840 (12)	38369	4927 (<1%)
51st to 43rd	13891	1763 (12)	22386	3134 (11)	43631	4913 (11.5)	95250	11430 (12)	51619	6517 (<1%)
@ 43rd Ave	13891	1763 (12)	17790	2491 (11)	43631	4913 (11.5)	75490	9059 (12)	31859	4146 (<1%)
E of 43rd	13891	1763 (12)	21844	3058 (11)	43631	4913 (11.5)	75490	9059 (12)	31859	4146 (<1%)

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Projects with Congested Intersections

Is this a project that affects a congested intersection (LOS D or greater) that has a significant number of diesel trucks, <u>OR</u> will change LOS to D or greater because of an increase in traffic volumes from a significant number of diesel trucks related to the project?

NO – Table 2 summarizes the Level of Service (LOS) in the project area, which was post processed by Jacobs from the MAG *Spring 2021 Conformity Regional Model Run* (MAG 2021a) to incorporate elements of the current design. Post processing was completed using synchro for the intersections. Ramp LOS will continue at free flow or better conditions through the 2040 design year and a majority of mainline segments will operated at free flow conditions or better. Table 3 summarizes the total volumes include truck volumes at the intersections. This project will not affect congested intersections or change LOS to D or greater because of an increase in traffic volumes from a significant number of diesel trucks. Additional details on the preferred alternatives are provided below.

TABLE 2. SR 303L, 51st Avenue & 43rd Avenue Level of Service (LOS), Segment Density and Intersection Delay

Level of	2022 E	2 Existing 2025 Interim 2040 No-Build 204		2025 Interim		nterim		2040	0 Build	
Service (LOS)	AM Peak	PM Peak	AM Peak	PM Peak	AM Peak	PM Peak	AM Peak	PM Peak		
51st Ave @ WB Ramps LOS (Delay)	N/A	N/A	B (15.1)	C (25.2)	N/A	N/A	B (15.0)	B (19.5)		
51st Ave @ EB Ramps LOS (Delay)	N/A	N/A	B (13.4)	B (19.1)	N/A	N/A	C (20.3)	B (12.5)		
43rd Ave @ WB Ramps LOS (Delay)	N/A	N/A	B (15.0)	C (22.0)	N/A	N/A	B (14.7)	B (19.3)		
43rd Ave @ EB Ramps LOS (Delay)	N/A	N/A	B (11.3)	B (13.5)	N/A	N/A	B (14.9)	B (17.2)		

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TABLE 3. SR 303L Intersections AADT (Total - All Segments)

AADT and	2022 E	xisting 2025 2040 Interim No-Build		2040 Build		Difference No-Build-to- Build				
Truck Volumes	AADT	Trucks (%)	AADT	Trucks (%)	AADT	Trucks (%)	AADT	Trucks (%)	AADT	Trucks
51st Ave	N/A	N/A	940	132 (14)	N/A	N/A	19890	2387 (12)	19890	2387
All Ramps	N/A	N/A	3841	538 (14)	N/A	N/A	23460	2815 (12)	23460	2815
43rd Ave	N/A	N/A	2298	322 (14)	N/A	N/A	26640	3197 (12)	26640	3197
All Ramps	N/A	N/A	8650	1211 (14)	N/A	N/A	43220	5186 (12)	43220	5186

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A diamond interchange was also recommended at the 43rd Avenue interchange and includes temporary connectors from the new mainline paving at 43rd Avenue to the existing frontage road between 43rd Avenue and the I-17/Sonoran Desert Drive interchange.



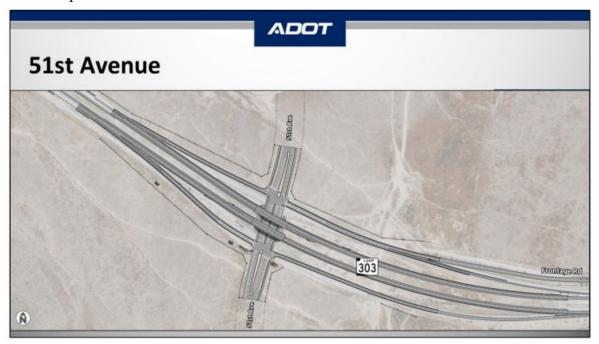
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A diamond interchange for 51st Avenue was recommended and includes the Loop 303 freeway lanes and bridges through the interchange location, and a frontage road on the north side of Loop 303 between $43^{\rm rd}$ and 51st Avenues.



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New Bus and Rail Terminals

Does the project involve construction of a new bus or intermodal terminal that accommodates a significant number of diesel vehicles?

NO - The project does not involve the construction of a bus or rail terminal.

Expanded Bus and Rail Terminals

Does the project involve an existing bus or intermodal terminal that has a large vehicle fleet where the number of diesel buses (or trains) increases by 50% or more, as measured by arrivals?

NO - The project does not involve the expansion of bus or rail terminals.

Projects Affecting PM Sites of Violation or Possible Violation

Does the project affect locations, areas or categories of sites that are identified in the PM_{10} or $PM_{2.5}$ applicable plan or implementation plan submissions, as appropriate, as sites of violation or potential violation?

NO - The SIP, including implementation plan submission 2014 Maricopa County PM-10 Non-Attainment Area: Five Percent Plan for the Attainment of the 24-Hour PM-10 Standard does not identify any specific sites or potential sites of violation; therefore, the project is not anticipated to affect any such sites.

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POAQC Determination

The SR 303L, 51st Ave and 43rd Ave New Traffic Interchanges is not a Project of Local Air Quality Concern. The proposed project complies with and will not interfere with the implementation of any control measures included in the MAG Region SIP(s). The project would not create LOS D conditions or worsen conditions at intersections with a significant number of truck/diesel vehicles. The current project is not a road capacity project that would significantly increase the number of diesel trucks in the 2025 design year. The project does not create an air quality concern but improves circulation and LOS which contributes to an improvement in both air quality and congestion.

Therefore, ADOT is presenting this project for interagency consultation per 40 CFR 93.105, as a project that is NOT of Air Quality Concern and thereby will not require a PM_{10} hot-spot analysis. While this project does not require a hot-spot analysis, other conformity provisions apply and will be addressed in the project clearance.

Interagency Consultation Results

On October 26, 2021 ADOT provided a copy of this questionnaire, to the following consultation parties, EPA, FHWA, MAG, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Maricopa County Air Quality Department as the local air agencies in Maricopa County. There were no objections to the project determination and on November 12, 2021 ADOT concluded Interagency Consultation by notifying interested parties that this project will proceed as a project that does not require a quantitative PM10 hot-spot analysis under 40CFR 93.123(b).

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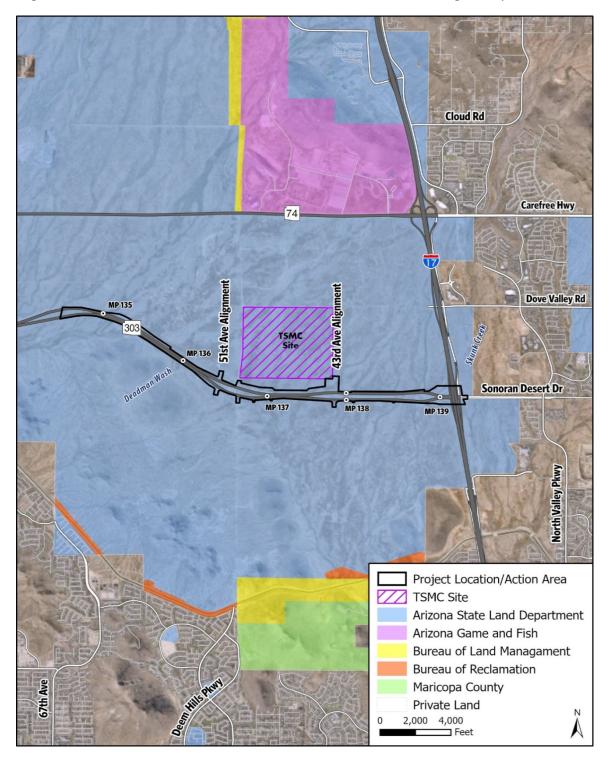
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Figure 2. SR 303L 51st Avenue and 43rd Avenue Traffic Interchanges Project Area



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Project Assessment - Part A

The following questionnaire is used to compare the proposed project to a list of project types in 40 CFR 93.123(a) requiring a quantitative analysis of local CO emissions (hot-spots) in non-attainment or maintenance areas, which include:

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- iii) Any project affecting one or more of the top three intersections in the nonattainment or maintenance area with highest traffic volumes, as identified in the applicable implementation plan; and
- iv) Any project affecting one or more of the top three intersections in the nonattainment or maintenance area with the worst level of service, as identified in the applicable implementation plan.

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Projects Affecting CO Sites of Violation or Possible Violation

Does the project affect locations, areas or categories of sites that are identified in the CO applicable plan or implementation plan submissions, as appropriate, as sites of violation or potential violation?

NO - The 2013 Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa County Area (MAG 2013) does not include any sites of violation or possible violation for the federal CO 8-hour standard.

Projects with Congested Intersections

Is this a project that affects a congested intersection (LOS D or greater) or will change LOS to D or greater because of increased traffic volumes related to the project?

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(LOS)	AM Peak	PM Peak	AM Peak	PM Peak	AM Peak	PM Peak	AM Peak	PM Peak
51st Ave @ WB Ramps LOS (Delay)	N/A	N/A	B (15.1)	C (25.2)	N/A	N/A	B (15.0)	B (19.5)
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Projects Affecting Intersections with Highest Traffic Volumes

Does the project affect one or more of the top three intersections in the CO maintenance area with highest traffic volumes identified in the CO applicable implementation plan?

TABLE 3. Three Highest Intersections in Current Plans

MAG ¹
16 th Street and Camelback Road
107th Avenue and Grand Avenue
Priest Drive and Southern Avenue

¹MAG 2013 Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa County Area (MAG, 2013).

NO – This project does not affect any of the top three intersections listed in Table 3, that were identified in the MAG 2013 Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa County Area. The closest location to the project area is the 107th Avenue and Grand Avenue intersection, which is approximately 16 miles southwest of the project area.

Projects Affecting Intersections with the Worst Level of Services

Does the project affect one or more of the top three intersections in the CO maintenance area with the worst level of services identified in the CO applicable implementation plan?

TABLE 4. Three Worst LOS Intersections in Current Plans

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MAG ¹
7th Avenue and Van Buren Street
German Road and Gilbert Road
Thomas Road and 27th Avenue

¹ MAG 2013 Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa County Area (MAG, 2013).

NO – This project does not affect any of the three worst LOS intersections listed in Table 4 that were identified in the MAG 2013 Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for the Maricopa County Area. The closest location to the project area is the Thomas Road and 27th Avenue intersection, which is approximately 21 miles south of the project area.

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Project Assessment - Part B

Hot-Spot Determination

As demonstrated in the evaluation of AADT and LOS data presented in Table 1 and Table 2, respectively this project does not require a quantitative hot-spot analysis to demonstrate conformity with the federal CO 8-hour standard. The project is not a road capacity project. AADT in 2025 will increase, but this is a result of connections to the existing SR 303L at 51st Avenue and 43rd Avenue as the mainline will remain at 2 lanes in each direction. Future expansion of the freeway will occur through 2040 but is not included as part of the current design. The current high LOS A on SR 303L will be maintained at a free flow condition or better (LOS A – C) with the 2025 Build Alternative on the freeway mainline and 51st Avenue and 43rd Avenue ramps. Ramp LOS will continue at free flow or better conditions through the 2040 design year and a majority of mainline segments will operated at free flow conditions or better; therefore, this project will not affect congested intersections or change LOS to D or greater because of an increase in traffic volumes.

Decide which type of hot-spot analysis is required for the project by choosing a category below.

☐ If answered "Yes" to any of the questions in the Project Assessment - Part A and "No" to the question in the Project Assessment - Part B,

- A quantitative CO hot-spot analysis is required under 40 CFR 93.123(a)(1).
 - ☐ Check If a formal air quality report for conformity is required for this project.
- The applicable air quality models, data bases, and other requirements specified in 40 CFR part 51, Appendix W (Guideline on Air Quality Models) should be completed using "Project Level CO Quantitative Hot-Spot Analysis Consultation Document" and circulated through interagency consultation for review and comments for 30 days prior to commencing any modeling activities.
- Or
- □ Check if the project fits the condition of the "CO Categorical Hot-Spot Finding". In the January 24, 2008, Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments, EPA included a provision at 40 CFR 93.123(a)(3) to allow the U.S. DOT, in consultation with EPA, to make categorical hot-spot findings in CO nonattainment and maintenance areas if appropriate modeling showed that a type of highway or transit project would not cause or contribute to a new or worsened air quality violation of the CO NAAQS or delay timely attainment of the NAAQS or required interim milestone(s), as required under 40 CFR 93.116(a).

Projects Fitting the Condition of the CO Categorical Hot-Spot Finding
Do the project's parameters fall within the acceptable range of modeled
parameters (Use "Table 1: Project Parameters and Acceptable Ranges for CO
Categorical Hot-Spot Finding" or enter the project information into FHWA's web
based tool:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/conformity/policy_and_g

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<u>uidance/cmcf_2017/tool.cfm</u>)? Table 1 from the reference document is included as Table 3 in this memo.

NO – This project does not require a quantitative hot-spot analysis; therefore, the Categorical Hot-Spot Finding per 40 CFR 93.123(a)(3) provisions.

Table 5: Project Parameters and Acceptable Ranges for CO Categorical Hot-Spot Finding for Urban Intersection

Parameter	Acceptable Range
Analysis year	Greater than or equal to 2017
Angle of cross streets for intersection (degrees)	90
Maximum grade for the intersection (%)	Less than or equal to 2
Maximum grade on cross street for the intersection (%)	0
Number of through lanes	Less than or equal to 4
Number of left turn lanes	Less than or equal to 2
Lane width (ft)	12
Median width (ft)	0
Peak hour average approach speed (mph)	Greater than or equal to 25
Peak hour approach volume (vph)	Less than or equal to 2640
Peak hour Level of Service	A through E
Ambient temperature (°F)	Greater than or equal to -10
Heavy-duty trucks (%)	Greater than or equal to 5
1-hour background CO concentrations (ppm)	Less than or equal to 32.6
8-hour background CO concentrations (ppm)	Less than or equal to 7.3
Persistence factor	Less than or equal to 0.7

☑ If answered "No" to all of the questions in the Project Assessment - Part A

- A <u>qualitative CO analysis</u> is required under 40 CFR 93.123(a)(2). The demonstrations required by 40 CFR 93.116 Localized CO, PM10, and PM2.5 violations (hot-spots) may be based on either:
- (i) Quantitative methods that represent reasonable and common professional practice;
 - ☐ Check if an Air Quality Report <u>including CO modeling</u> for NEPA EA/EIS use this report to satisfy option (i)
- Or
- (ii) A qualitative consideration of local factors, if this can provide a clear demonstration that the requirements of 40 CFR 93.116 are met.
 - ☐ Check If there is an Air Quality Report that does not include CO modeling for NEPA EA/EIS use this report to satisfy (ii)
 - Check If the project is a CE under NEPA that does not require Air Quality Report for NEPA EA/EIS use this Questionnaire to add additional justification to satisfy (ii)

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Two Recent modeling demonstration from projects on congested CO intersections with higher traffic demonstrated that localized hot-spots are not created from major projects. These representative projects demonstrate this project without congested intersections and lower traffic volumes would likely not create a CO-hot-spot. Both examples when added to nearby CO monitors demonstrated CO levels well below the 9ppm 8-hr CO Standard and the 35ppm 1-hour CO Standard. Project Interagency Consultation Documents for these two recent projects can be found on ADOT's Website

https://azdot.gov/business/environmental-planning/air-quality/transportation-conformity

CO Conformity Determinations

Completed Project Level CO Hot-Spot consultation documents required for hot-spot modeling will be posted here as applicable.

- CO Hot-Spot Consultation <u>I-10, I-17 (Split) to SR202L (Santan)</u> ₱, <u>FHWA 327 Conformity</u>
 Determination ₱
- CO Hot-Spot Consultation SR 101, 75th Ave to I-17

Example 1: Modeling Results from I-10, I-17 to S.R. 202L (I-10 Broadway Curve) Improvement Project ADOT Project No. 010 MA 150 F0072 01D CO Hot-Spot Consultation - I-10, I-17 (Split) to SR202L (Santan)

Predicted Worst-Case One-Hour CO Concentrations (ppm)

	20	18	2040				
Intersection	Exis	ting	No E	Build	Build		
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
Baseline Road & I-10	3.1	3.5	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	
Elliot Road & I-10	2.8	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	
Broadway Road & I-10 WB / 52 nd Street	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.1	
1-hour CO standard	35	35	35	35	35	35	

Concentrations = modeled results + 1-hour CO background.

1-hour CO background = 2.0 ppm

Abbreviations: AM = morning; PM = evening; CO = carbon monoxide; ppm = parts per million.

Predicted Worst-Case Eight-Hour CO Concentrations (ppm)

	20	18	2040				
Intersection	Exis	ting	No E	Build	Build		
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
Baseline Road & I-10	2.47	2.75	1.91	1.98	1.98	1.98	
Elliot Road & I-10	2.26	2.33	1.91	1.84	1.84	1.91	
Broadway Road & I-10 WB / 52nd Street	2.47	2.40	1.91	1.98	1.84	1.77	
8-hour CO standard	9	9	9	9	9	9	

Concentrations = (modeled results x persistence factor [0.7]) + 8-hour CO background.

8-hour CO background = 1.7 ppm

Abbreviations: AM = morning; PM = evening; CO = carbon monoxide; ppm = parts per million

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Example 2: Modeling Results from SR 101L, 75th Ave to I-17 TRACS NO. 101 MA 017 F0316 01D Adding General Purpose Lanes & 75th Ave TI Improvements. CO Hot-Spot Consultation - SR 101, 75th Ave to I-17

Predicted Worst-Case One-Hour CO Concentrations (ppm)

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	20	2020		2040				
	Existing		No Build		Build			
Intersection	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM		
75 th Avenue & SR 101	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5		
67 th Avenue & SR 101	3.2	3.2	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5		
27 th Avenue & SR 101	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5		
1-hour CO standard	35	35	35	35	35	35		

Concentrations = modeled results + 1-hour CO background

1-hour CO background = 2.4 ppm

Abbreviations: AM = morning; PM = evening; CO = carbon monoxide; ppm = parts per million

Predicted Worst-Case Eight-Hour CO Concentrations (ppm)						
	20	20		20	40	
	Existing		No Build		Build	
Intersection	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
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27 th Avenue & SR 101	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
8-hour CO standard	9	9	9	9	9	9

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8-hour CO background = 1.7 ppm

Abbreviations: AM = morning; PM = evening; CO = carbon monoxide; ppm = parts per million

In 2020, Maricopa County Air Department 2020 monitor data for all CO's monitors showed, no exceedances of the 1-hour or 8-hour CO NAAQS at any MCAQD sites, and concentrations remained well below NAAQS levels. Since 1-hour CO concentrations have been significantly Lower than the NAAQS level for many years, we have not included this metric on a table. Table 9 shows the maximum and second maximum 8-hour CO averages measured.

Table 9. 2020 8-hour CO Average Data Summary

Site	CO 8-hour Average Maximum (ppm)	CO 8-hour Average 2 nd Maximum (ppm)
Buckeye	0.7	0.6
Central Phoenix	1.9	1.9
Mesa	1.6	1.2
South Phoenix	2.2	1.8
*Thirty-Third	2.9	2.6
West Chandler	1.3	1.3
West Phoenix	3.0	2.5

^{* -} Site temporarily monitoring for CO in 2020

Source: EPA AQS database – 2020 Quicklook Criteria Report (AMP450)

https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/68917/Final-Air-Monitoring-Network-Plan-2020-PDF?bidId=

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Given the current CO Air Quality in this area, and the typical emissions expected from highway projects, it can be determined that this project does not cause or contribute to any new localized CO violations, increase the frequency or severity of any existing CO violations, or delay timely attainment of any NAAQS or any required interim emission reductions or other milestones in CO Maintenance plan.

Interagency Consultation Results

On October 26, 2021 ADOT provided a copy of this questionnaire, to the following consultation parties, EPA, FHWA, MAG, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Maricopa County Air Quality Department as the local air agencies in Maricopa County. There were no objections to the project determination and on November 12, 2021 ADOT concluded Interagency Consultation by notifying interested parties that this project will proceed as a project that does not require hot-spot modeling for CO under 40 CFR 93.123(a)(2).

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- 2021a Maricopa Association of Governments 2021 Spring Conformity Regional Model Run provided from L. Vallabhaneni via email to joe.donofrio@jacobs.com at the request of the ADOT PM Thomas O'Reilly on September 24, 2021.
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Consultation Emails



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1 message

Beverly Chenausky

bchenausky@azdot.gov>

Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 9:13 AM

To: Lindy Bauer Lindy Bauer Lindy<a href="mailto:LindyLindy<a href="mailto:Lindy<a href="mailto:LindyLindy<a href="mailto:Lindy<a href=

As there are no objections to the project determination presented, interagency consultation has concluded with the project identified as a project that does not require a quantitative hot-spot analysis as listed under 40 CFR 93.123(b) and does not require hot-spot modeling for CO under 40 CFR 93.123(a)(2).

Thanks,

Beverly

On Tue, Oct 26, 2021 at 10:55 AM Beverly Chenausky

bchenausky@azdot.gov> wrote:

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1 message

Wamsley, Jerry < Wamsley. Jerry@epa.gov>

Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 1:07 PM

To: Beverly Chenausky

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Cc: "Lee, Ánita" <Lee.Ánita@epa.gov>, "OConnor, Karina" <OConnor.Karina@epa.gov>, "Meek, Clifton" <meek.clifton@epa.gov>

Hello Beverly,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Project of Air Quality Concern Questionnaire (Particulate Matter), along with the additional carbon monoxide analyses, concerning the proposed new traffic interchanges on SR-303L in Northern Phoenix and Maricopa County. We have no comments or suggestions for your review. And, thank you for the additional time allowing for our response.

Sincerely,

Jerry Wamsley

From: Beverly Chenausky bchenausky@azdot.gov

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:56 AM

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Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 10:38 AM

The Resource Center does not have comments at this time.

As a reminder, any future projects (such as the SR 303 mainline widening) will have to address project-level conformity requirements at the time ADOT completes the NEPA decisions. Thanks, Rebecca

From: Yedlin, Rebecca (FHWA)

Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:02 AM
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Cc: Hansen, Alan (FHWA) Alan.Hansen@dot.gov

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The Arizona Division has no comments, but we are still confirming whether there is anything from the Resource Center. Leigh will be back in the office next week. Thanks, Rebecca

From: Beverly Chenausky

Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:05 AM

To: Yedlin, Rebecca (FHWA) < Rebecca. Yedlin@dot.gov>

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