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SR 303L, 51st and 43rd Ave. Traffic Interchanges
Air Quality Conformity Determination

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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) received the request from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) dated November 19, 2021, for a project-level air quality conformity determination for the SR-303L, 51st Avenue and 43rd Avenue Traffic interchanges [303-A(228)T, 303 MA 135 F0424 01C]. The purpose of the project is construct new Traffic interchanges on SR 303L to accommodate growing traffic on the highway and accommodate future connects to the highway at two future crossroads. The location of the two interchanges are milepost 135.74 and 138.60 on SR 303L.

The project is located in the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) planning boundary, which is an area designated nonattainment for Particulate Matter (PM10) and a designated maintenance area for both Ozone and Carbon Monoxide (CO). Both PM10 and CO are subject to project-level conformity requirements under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. A regional conformity determination analysis was completed as part of the MAG 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which was approved by FHWA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on June 29, 2021.

Based on our review of the air quality analysis and interagency consultation information provided by the ADOT regarding this project and scope of work, FHWA is making the determination that this project is not a project of air quality concern and meets the air quality

conformity requirements. If there are any questions on this determination, please contact Alan Hansen at 602-382-8964 or alan.hansen@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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