

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

Revised

DATE:

September 13, 2013

SUBJECT:

Conformity Consultation

SUMMARY:

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including the advancement of various Arterial Life Cycle Program projects using federal funds.

On September 13, 2013, a revised list with additional project information was distributed for consultation. A new table with the additional projects (shaded) is attached. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by September 16, 2013.

PUBLIC INPUT:

An opportunity for public comment was provided at the September 11, 2013 Management Committee meeting and no public comments were received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: Interagency consultation for the amendment and administrative modification notifies the planning agencies of project modifications to the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

CONS: The review of the conformity assessment requires additional time in the project approval process.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The amendment and administrative modification may not be considered until the consultation process for the conformity assessment is completed.

POLICY: Federal transportation conformity regulations require interagency consultation on development of the transportation plan, TIP, and associated conformity determinations to include a process involving the Metropolitan Planning Organization, State and local air quality planning agencies, State and local transportation agencies, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration. Consultation on the conformity assessment has been conducted in accordance with federal regulations, MAG Conformity Consultation Processes adopted by the Regional Council in February 1996 and MAG Transportation Conformity Guidance and Procedures adopted by the Regional Council in March 1996. In addition, federal guidance is followed in response to court rulings regarding transportation conformity.

ACTION NEEDED:

Consultation.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: This item was on the agenda of the September 11, 2013 MAG Management Committee meeting for consultation.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage, Chair | Miranda DeWitt for Christopher Brady, Mesa |
| # George Hoffman, Apache Junction | Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley |
| Charlie McClendon, Avondale | Jeff Tyne for Carl Swenson, Peoria |
| # Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye | David Cavazos, Phoenix |
| * Gary Neiss, Carefree | # Greg Stanley, Pinal County |
| Rodney Glassman, Cave Creek | John Kross, Queen Creek |
| Rich Dlugas, Chandler | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community |
| Charles Montoya, Florence | Brad Lundahl for Fritz Behring, Scottsdale |
| * Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation | Chris Hillman, Surprise |
| Ken Buchanan, Fountain Hills | Andrew Ching, Tempe |
| Rick Buss, Gila Bend | * Reyes Medrano, Tolleson |
| * David White, Gila River Indian Community | Joshua Wright, Wickenburg |
| Patrick Banger, Gilbert | Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown |
| Brent Stoddard for Brenda S. Fischer, Glendale | * John Halikowski, ADOT |
| Brian Dalke, Goodyear | John Hauskins for Tom Manos, Maricopa County |
| Rosemary Arellano, Guadalupe | Jyme Sue McLaren for Steve Banta, Valley Metro/RPTA |
| Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park | |
| Paul Jepson for Trisha Sorensen, City of Maricopa | |

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

CONTACT PERSON:

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September 13, 2013

TO: Leslie Rogers, Federal Transit Administration
Karla Petty, Federal Highway Administration
John Halikowski, Arizona Department of Transportation
Henry Darwin, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Maria Hyatt, City of Phoenix Public Transit Department
Stephen Banta, Valley Metro/RPTA
William Wiley, Maricopa County Air Quality Department
Kenneth Hall, Central Arizona Governments
Donald Gabrielson, Pinal County Air Quality Control District
Benjamin Bitter, Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
Gregory Nudd, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Dean Giles, Air Quality Planning Program Specialist

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON A CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT FOR A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE FY 2011-2015
MAG TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2010 UPDATE

We are providing notification of an update to the information included in the September 3 and September 5, 2013 memoranda for consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. A new table with additional projects (shaded) is attached. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (602) 254-6300.

Attachment

cc: Eric Massey, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Scott Omer, Arizona Department of Transportation

Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-15 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update

TIP #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Reimb. Fiscal Year	Fund Type	Regional Reimb.	Notes:	Conformity Assessment
CHN15-108CZ	Chandler	Gilbert Rd: Chandler Heights Rd to Hunt Hwy	Construct roadway widening	2014	STP-MAG	\$ 123,822	\$ 2,048,488	\$ -	\$ 2,172,310	2013	STP-MAG	\$ 2,048,488	Amend: Advance \$1,000,000 of project construction phase reimbursement from 2019 and \$1,048,488 from 2020 to 2013. Change a portion of project construction phase reimbursement funding source from RARF to STP-MAG.	A minor project revision is needed to advance funding reimbursement. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
CHN14-108CZ2	Chandler	Gilbert Rd: Chandler Heights Rd to Hunt Hwy	Construct roadway widening	2014	Local	\$ 1,479,623	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,479,623	2020	RARF	\$ 1,479,623	Amend: Advance \$1,048,488 of project construction phase reimbursement from 2020 to 2013 in TIP ID CHN15-108CZ.	A minor project revision is needed to advance funding reimbursement. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
MMA13-105PDZ	Maricopa County	McKellips Rd: Loop 101 (Pima Fwy) to SRP MIC/Alma School Rd	Pre-design for roadway widening	2013	STP-MAG	\$ 249,000	\$ 581,000	\$ -	\$ 830,000	2013	STP-MAG	\$ 581,000	Amend: Increase project pre-design phase costs. Increase project pre-design phase reimbursement from project construction phase. Advance project pre-design phase reimbursement from 2019 to 2013.	A minor project revision is needed to increase project amount and advance funding reimbursement. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
MMA14-105PDZ	Maricopa County	McKellips Rd: Loop 101 (Pima Fwy) to SRP MIC/Alma School Rd	Pre-design for roadway widening	2014	Local	\$ 340,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 340,000	0	-	\$ -	Amend: Delete TIP Listing. Combine project pre-design phase costs with TIP ID MMA13-105PDZ.	A minor project revision is needed to delete project and combine project amounts. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
CHN18-110DZ	Chandler	Queen Creek Rd: McQueen Rd to Gilbert Rd	Design roadway widening	2013	STP-MAG	\$ 91,563	\$ 1,514,800	\$ -	\$ 1,606,363	2013	STP-MAG	\$ 1,514,800	Amend: New TIP listing. Advance project design phase from 2019 to 2013. Increase project design phase reimbursement from project construction phase. Advance a portion of project design phase reimbursement from 2019 (\$ 584,440) and 2020 (\$ 930,360) to 2013.	A minor project revision is needed to increase design project reimbursement amount and advance design phase. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

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CHN18-110DZ2	Chandler	Queen Creek Rd: McQueen Rd to Gilbert Rd	Design roadway widening	2013	Local	\$ 557,637	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 557,637	--	--	--	Amend: New TIP listing. Advance project design phase from 2019 to 2013. Increase project design phase reimbursement from project construction phase. Advance a portion of project design phase reimbursement from 2019 (\$ 584,440) and 2020 (\$ 930,360) to 2013.	A minor project revision is needed to increase design project reimbursement amount and advance design phase. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
MMA14-117CZ	Maricopa County	Northern Parkway: Reems and Litchfield Overpasses	Construct roadway widening	2014	STP-MAG	\$ 4,771,543	\$ 4,865,952	\$ -	\$ 9,637,495	2013	STP-MAG	\$ 4,865,952	Amend: Advance project construction phase reimbursement from 2015 (\$500,000) and 2016 (\$4,365,952) to 2013.	A minor project revision is needed to advance funding reimbursement. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
MMA14-117CZ2	Maricopa County	Northern Parkway: Reems and Litchfield Overpasses	Construct roadway widening	2014	Local	\$ 530,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 530,000	2015	STP-MAG	\$ 500,000	Amend: Delete TIP listing. Advance reimbursement to 2013 in TIP ID MMA14-117CZ.	A minor project revision is needed to delete and combine projects. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
CHN13-111CZ	Chandler	McQueen Road: Ocotillo Rd to Chandler Heights	Construct roadway widening	2014	STP-MAG	\$ 235,474	\$ 3,895,652	\$ -	\$ 4,131,126	2013	STP-MAG	\$ 3,895,652	Amend: New TIP Listing. Separate the construction phase from RTP ID ACI-PRC-10-03-C into two segments. Advance project construction phase work from 2017/2018 to 2014. Advance project construction phase reimbursement from 2019/2020 to 2013. Switch project reimbursement funding source from RARF to STP-MAG. Advance project active year from 2018 to 2016.	A minor project revision is needed to repackage construction phase, advance construction, and advance construction phase reimbursement and change funding source. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

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MMA18-105CZ	Maricopa County	McKellips Rd: Loop 101 (Pima Fwy) to SRP MIC/Alma School Rd	Pre-design for roadway widening	2018	Local	\$ 7,557,020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,557,020	2019	STP-MAG	\$ 4,708,914	Amend: Transfer a portion of project construction phase reimbursement to project pre-design phase. Advance project pre-design phase reimbursement from 2019 to 2013.	A minor project revision is needed to advance funding reimbursement. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
--	Chandler	Queen Creek Rd: McQueen Rd to Gilbert Rd	Construct roadway widening	2020	STP-MAG	\$ 2,882,739	\$ 2,282,261	\$ -	\$ 5,165,000	2020	STP-MAG	\$ 2,282,261	Amend: Transfer a portion of project construction phase reimbursement to project design phase. Advance project design phase reimbursement from 2019/2020 to 2013.	A minor project revision is needed to advance funding reimbursement. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
--	Chandler	Queen Creek Rd: McQueen Rd to Gilbert Rd	Construct roadway widening	2020	Local	\$ 4,325,463	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,325,463	Unfunded	STP-MAG	\$ 4,325,462	Amend: Transfer \$584,440 of design phase unfunded reimbursement to unfunded construction phase reimbursement.	A minor project revision is needed to adjust project funding. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
CHN10-101CZ2	Chandler	McQueen Road: Chandler Heights to Riggs Road	Construct roadway widening	2018	Local	\$ 5,478,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,478,000	2020	RARF	\$ 589,890	Amend: Separate the construction phase from RTP ID ACI-PRC-10-03-C into two segments.	A minor project revision is needed to repackage construction project. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

Agency	Year	TIP ID	Location	Work	Miles	Funding	Federal	Regional	Local	Total	Note	Conformity Assessment
ADOT	2014	DOT13-953	60 (Superstition Fwy) at Meridian Rd	Construct Traffic Interchange	0.1	NHPP	\$8,864,200	\$535,800	\$0	\$9,400,000	Amend: Decrease total project budget by \$2,300,000 from \$11,700,000 to \$9,400,000. This request will fund the R/W project at the same location.	A minor project revision is needed to decrease funding amount. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
ADOT	2014	DOT13-953RW	60 (Superstition Fwy) at Meridian Rd	R/W Acquisition	0.1	NHPP	\$2,168,900	\$131,100	\$0	\$2,300,000	Amend: Add a new Right of Way project in FY 2014 for \$2,300,000. The funding is provided from the construction project (DOT13-953).	The new project would not result in changes to the assumptions used for the most recent regional emissions analysis. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
ADOT	2014	DOT14-120	17: Dove Valley Road	Traffic Signals and Striping	0.1	RARF	\$0	\$140,000	\$0	\$140,000	Amend: Add a new traffic signals and maintenance striping project in FY 2014 for \$140,000.	The new project is considered a traffic signal synchronization project that may be approved, funded, and implemented and is subject to all subsequent regional emissions analyses. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
Gilbert	2013	GLB04-205C2	Gilbert Rd: Warner Rd to Baseline Rd	Install fiber & conduit along Gilbert Rd, fiber only along US-60 (joint with Mesa to link ATMS)	3.0	CMAQ	\$89,585	\$0	\$5,415	\$95,000	Amend: Add new listing to construction workphase. Project cost increase of \$93,600 due to unforeseen conditions. Agency requests additional funding from FFY2013 closeout. Total project cost is \$554,100.	A minor project revision is needed to increase funding amount. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

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Litchfield Park	2013	LPK05-101C2	Litchfield Rd Bypass at Wigwam Boulevard	Construct pedestrian bicycle underpass	0.2	CMAQ	\$ 100,000	0	\$ 6,045	\$ 106,045	Amend: Add second TIP listing for an additional \$100,000 funding for contract modifications due to unforeseen conditions, no scope modifications. Project previously authorized in FFY2011 and received closeout funds in FFY2012. Total federal project cost is \$3,181,633. Local cost is \$218,166.	A minor project revision is needed to increase funding amount. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
Mesa	2014	MES14-171	East Valley; Ellsworth and Germann, Ellsworth and Queen Creek Rd	Procure and Install East Valley RCN Components		CMAQ	\$ 298,931	\$ -	\$ 18,069	\$ 317,000	Amend: Abandoning project please delete.	The deleted project is considered a traffic signal synchronization project that may be approved, funded, and implemented and is subject to all subsequent regional emissions analyses. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
Phoenix	2013	PHX12-859C2	Hatcher Rd Streetscape: Central Ave to 3rd Street	Construct 8-ft sidewalk, 3-ft shoulder and landscaping	0.1	CMAQ	\$ 84,776	\$ -	\$ 5,124	\$ 89,900	Amend: Add new FFY 2013 funds to project. Project authorized in FY 2012, actual cost has returned higher than estimated. Agency requests \$89,900 additional to cover costs. Total phase cost is \$929,900.	A minor project revision is needed to increase funding amount. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

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Valley Metro / RPTA	2013	VMT13-106T	Regionwide	Operating: Support Zoom and TLCP Routes	na	5307-AVN UZA	\$ 1,940,740	\$ -	\$ 1,940,740	\$ 3,881,481	Amend: Increase project by \$28,807 (previously programmed to Transit Improvements)	A minor project revision is needed to increase funding amount. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
Avondale	2013	AVN13-104T	Regionwide	Transit Improvements		5307-AVN UZA	\$ 28,807	\$ -	\$ 7,202	\$ 36,009	Delete. Not required by FTA	The deleted project is considered exempt under the category "Operating assistance to transit agencies." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
Valley Metro Rail	2013	VMR12-841T	Central Mesa Light Rail	Sm Starts: Guideway & Track Elements		5309	\$ 6,202,835	\$ 4,793,991	\$ -	\$ 10,996,826	Amend: Change total cost summation correction. Clerical amendment.	A minor project revision is needed to increase funding amount. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
Valley Metro Rail	2013	VMR12-842T	Central Mesa Light Rail	Sm Starts: ROW, Land, Existing Improvements		5309	\$ 6,202,835	\$ 4,793,991	\$ -	\$ 10,996,826	Delete. Duplicate project.	A minor project revision is needed to delete duplicate project. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.