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

We are providing notification of an update to the information included in the October 1, 2013 memorandum for consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). 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

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MAG13-102T	Valley Metro Rail	Regionwide	JARC apportionment	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 2,160,000	Delete: Replaced by competitively selected JARC Projects	A minor project revision is needed to delete project. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
GLN13-151	Glendale	City of Glendale - Citywide	Bethany Home- Route 60	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ 477,567	\$ 139,067	\$ -	\$ 616,634	New JARC Project	The new 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.
GLN13-152	Glendale	City of Glendale - Citywide	Route 59th Avenue	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ 267,979	\$ 76,989	\$ -	\$ 344,968	New JARC Project	The new 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.
VMT13-151	RPTA/ Valley Metro	City of Glendale - Citywide	Route 70- Glendale Ave	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ 1,100,729	\$ 311,961	\$ -	\$ 1,412,690	New JARC Project	The new 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.
PHX13-151	Phoenix	City of Phoenix - Citywide	Routes 3 Van Buren, 17 McDowell, 29 Thomas Roads	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ 2,705,693	\$ 756,389	\$ -	\$ 3,462,082	New JARC Project	The new 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.
SCT13-151	Scottsdale	City of Scottsdale - Citywide	Miller Road Circulator (OMITTED Route 514 -Not eligible)	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ 606,853	\$ 167,321	\$ -	\$ 774,174	New JARC Project	The new 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.
VMT13-152	RPTA/ Valley Metro	Gila River Indian Community/Phoenix	Route 251- Gila River	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ 781,299	\$ 212,441	\$ -	\$ 993,740	New JARC Project	The new 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.

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VMT13-153	RPTA/ Valley Metro	City of Scottsdale - Citywide	Route 72- Scottsdale Rd Extension	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ 151,725	\$ 38,415	\$ -	\$ 190,140	New JARC Project	The new 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.
VMT13-154	RPTA/ Valley Metro	City of Surprise - Citywide	Route 571- Surprise Express	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ 192,559	\$ 47,341	\$ -	\$ 239,900	New JARC Project	The new 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.
TOL13-151	Tolleson	City of Tolleson - Citywide	Zoom Circulator	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ 150,304	\$ 32,146	\$ -	\$ 182,450	New JARC Project	The new 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.
VMT13-155	RPTA/ Valley Metro	Regionwide	Next Ride- Purchase signs & install Short Message Service (SMS) units	2013	5307 - JARC	\$ 86,571	\$ 17,929	\$ -	\$ 104,500	New JARC Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-101	Foothills Caring Corps	Carefree, Cave Creek, North Phoenix	Mobility Manager Position	2013	5310	\$ 12,884	\$ 51,536	\$ -	\$ 64,420	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-102	Terros	Region-wide	Mobility Manager Position	2013	5310	\$ 16,128	\$ 64,512	\$ -	\$ 80,640	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

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PNP13-103	Marc Center	East Valley	Mobility Manager Position	2013	5310	\$ 10,450	\$ 41,800	\$ -	\$ 52,250	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-104	Foothills Caring Corps	Carefree, Cave Creek, North Phoenix	Computer, mapping software	2013	5310	\$ 322	\$ 1,288	\$ -	\$ 1,610	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-105	About Care	East Valley	Interactive service map	2013	5310	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-106	Glendale	City of Glendale - Citywide	Glendale Urban Shuttle (GUS) 3	2013	5310	\$ 62,141	\$ 27,859	\$ -	\$ 90,000	New 5310 Project	The new 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.
PHX13-152	Phoenix	City of Phoenix - Citywide	Disability Empowerment Center Feeder Shuttle Service	2013	5310	\$ 62,450	\$ 27,550	\$ -	\$ 90,000	New 5310 Project	The new 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.
GLN13-153	Glendale	City of Glendale - Citywide	Taxi Voucher Program	2013	5310	\$ 87,597	\$ 37,403	\$ -	\$ 125,000	New 5310 Project	The new 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.

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PNP13-107	NAU	Chandler, Fountain Hills, Gilbert Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe	Senior Companion Program- Volunteer Reimbursement for mileage, admin (salaries) and indirect costs	2013	5310	\$ 121,005	\$ 50,825	\$ -	\$ 171,830	New 5310 Project	The new 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.
VMT-155	RPTA/ Valley Metro	El Mirage, Peoria, Sun City, Sun City West, Surprise, Youngtown, Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Tempe, Scottsdale	Alternatives Project - WV DAR 1,409,800 EV Taxi Subsidy 1,527,500 Scottsdale Trolley 200,000	2013	5310	\$ 1,947,457	\$ 804,543	\$ -	\$ 2,752,000	New 5310 Project	The new 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.
PNP13-108	Nobody's Perfect	Chandler, Queen Creek	New Freedom & JARC Service for the thrift store (employment) and recreational activities	2013	5310	\$ 22,364	\$ 8,636	\$ -	\$ 31,000	New 5310 Project	The new 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.
PNP13-109	Chandler Gilbert Arc	Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Tempe, Queen Creek, Phoenix	1 Cutaway with Lift (1x\$62K)	2013	5310	\$ 49,600	\$ 12,400	\$ -	\$ 62,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-110	The Centers for Habilitation (TCH)	Chandler, Tempe, Mesa, Phoenix	2 Cutaway with Lift (2x\$62K)	2013	5310	\$ 99,200	\$ 24,800	\$ -	\$ 124,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-111	STARS	Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Tempe Apache Junction, Ahwatukee	1 Cutaway with Lift (1x\$62K)	2013	5310	\$ 49,600	\$ 12,400	\$ -	\$ 62,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

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PNP13-112	United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)	North Central Phoenix, Paradise Valley, Glendale, Peoria	3 Cutaways with Lift (3x\$62K)	2013	5310	\$ 148,800	\$ 37,200	\$ -	\$ 186,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-113	One Step Beyond	Peoria, Glendale, Surprise, Sun Cities, Phoenix	1 Maxivan- No lift (1x\$26K) 1 Minivan- No Ramp (1x\$25K)	2013	5310	\$ 40,800	\$ 10,200	\$ -	\$ 51,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-114	Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Assoc	Region-wide	1 Cutaway with Lift (1x\$62K)	2013	5310	\$ 49,600	\$ 12,400	\$ -	\$ 62,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-115	Marc Center	Mesa	3 Cutaways with lift(3x\$62K)	2013	5310	\$ 148,800	\$ 37,200	\$ -	\$ 186,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-116	Hacienda Healthcare	Region-wide	2 Cutaway with Lift (2x\$62K) 1 Minivan with Ramp (1x\$50K)	2013	5310	\$ 139,200	\$ 34,800	\$ -	\$ 174,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-117	Valley Life	Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Glendale, Phoenix, Tolleson,	Maxivan - No lift (1x\$26K)	2013	5310	\$ 20,800	\$ 5,200	\$ -	\$ 26,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

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PNP13-118	Benevilla	Northwest Phoenix, El Mirage, Glendale, Peoria, Sun City Youngtown	1 Maxivan w/ Lift (1x\$58K)	2013	5310	\$ 46,400	\$ 11,600	\$ -	\$ 58,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-119	Gompers	Region-wide	2 Minivans- No Ramp (2x\$25K)	2013	5310	\$ 40,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-120	Beatitudes	Glendale, Paradise Valley, Phoenix	Minivan with Ramp (1x\$50K)	2013	5310	\$ 40,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PNP13-121	Lifewell	Region-wide	3 Maxivans- No lift (3x\$26K)	2013	5310	\$ 62,400	\$ 15,600	\$ -	\$ 78,000	New 5310 Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PHX13-155	Phoenix	South Transit Facility Refurbishments	South Transit Facility Refurbishments	2013	5307	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 11,000,000	New Project: Regional Competitive Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (e.g. rail or bus buildings, storage and maintenance facilities, stations, terminals, and ancillary structures." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PHX13-154	Phoenix	HASTUS 2013 Upgrade	HASTUS 2013 Upgrade	2013	5307	\$ 552,187	\$ 368,118	\$ -	\$ 920,305	New Project: Regional Competitive Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

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TMP13-151	Tempe	EVBOM - Building systems and CO/O2 sensors	East Valley Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility (EVBOM) - Building systems and CO/O2 sensors	2013	5307	\$ 55,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 305,000	New Project: Regional Competitive Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
TMP13-152	Tempe	Route 56 Bus Stop Improvements	Route 56 Bus Stop Improvements	2013	5307	\$ 22,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 122,000	New Project: Regional Competitive Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
CHN13-151	Chandler	Route 56 Extension - Bus Shelter Procurement and Installation	Route 56 Extension - Bus Shelter Procurement and Installation	2013	5307	\$ 13,278	\$ 53,114	\$ -	\$ 66,392	New Project: Regional Competitive Project	The new 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.
TMP13-153	Tempe	EVBOM - CNG Pump Expansion	EVBOM - CNG Pump Expansion	2013	5307	\$ 134,291	\$ 537,163	\$ -	\$ 671,454	New Project: Regional Competitive Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Construction or renovation of power, signal, and communications systems." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
SCT13-152	Scottsdale	Crosscut Canal Bridge - Pathways to Transit	Crosscut Canal Bridge - Pathways to Transit	2013	5307	\$ 271,328	\$ 180,886	\$ -	\$ 452,214	New Project: Regional Competitive Project	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Bicycle and pedestrian facilities." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
VMT13-106T	Valley Metro/RPTA	Avondale Regionwide	Operating:Operating Assistance TBD	2013	5307-AVN UZA	\$ -	\$ 2,246,585	\$ 2,246,585	\$ 4,493,170	Increase Operating Assistance made available from ADOT funds for bus purchases.	The new 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.

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PHX13-120T	Phoenix	Avondale Regionwide	Purchase bus: standard 40 foot - 4 replace	2013	5307-AVN UZA	\$ -	\$ 1,822,400	\$ 321,600	\$ 2,144,000	Amend: Add awarded funds from ADOT. Increase bus purchases to 4.	The new project is considered exempt under the category "Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet." The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
VMT13-902T	Valley Metro/ RPTA	Regionwide: Fixed Route	Preventive Maintenance	2013	5307	\$ 897,391	\$ 3,072,625	\$ -	\$ 3,970,016	Amend: Reduce RPTA PM by \$516,937 from utilizing project cost savings	A minor project revision is needed to reduce projec amount. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.

TIP #	Agency	Project Location	Project Description	Work Year	Fund Type	Local Cost	Federal Cost	Regional Cost	Total Cost	Reimb. Fiscal Year*	Fund Type	Regional Reimb.	Notes:	Conformity Assessment
PHX14-102DZ	Phoenix	Black Mountain Blvd: SR-51 and Loop 101 (Pima Fwy) to Deer Valley Rd	Design roadway widening	2014	RARF	\$ 753,857	\$ 1,759,000	\$ -	\$ 2,512,857	2014	STP-MAG	\$ 1,759,000	Amend: Increase project design phase costs. Increase project design phase reimbursement by \$1,050,000 from project right-of-way phase.	A minor project revision is needed to increase amount. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.
PHX100-07RW	Phoenix	Black Mountain Blvd: SR-51 and Loop 101 (Pima Fwy) to Deer Valley Rd	Acquisition of right-of-way for roadway widening	2014	RARF	\$ 600,870	\$ 1,402,030	\$ -	\$ 2,002,900	2014	STP-MAG	\$ 1,402,030	Amend: Decrease project right-of-way phase costs. Transfer a portion of project right-of-way phase costs to project design phase (\$1,050,000).	A minor project revision is needed to decrease amount. The conformity status of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update would remain unchanged.