

## Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) Program

### Q & A

1. **Question** - Can ADOT reach out to Ted Matley, Director of Planning and Programming Development, to confirm FTA Region 9 support for Arizona converting to the CPG program?

**Answer** - *FTA would support a CPG for AZ if ADOT requests it and FHWA AZ agrees (email dated October 24, 2019 from Ted Matley).*

2. **Question** - The MPO's want some assurance that FTA will continue to actively participate in the review of UPWPs and continue to be a partner going forward. What will FTAs oversight be of the UPWP? (e.g. reviews, modifications, audit, etc.

**Answer** - *As the MPO Planning process and review and approval of the OWP's is a joint activity of FHWA and FTA, nothing would change as far as FTA's involvement in the program review and oversight.*

*The only difference is that FTA would transfer its MPO Planning funds to FHWA who would award a grant to fund the implement on of the approved OWP's with FHWA and FTA funds, instead of ADOT having two grants, one with FHWA and one with FTA. It's supposed to streamline the grant process since the two funding sources support the same program and activities.*

*FTA would continue to work with FHWA to review new OWP's and amendments per the MOU between the two agencies, which we will modify as needed to reflect the CPG arrangement. (email dated October 24, 2019 from Ted Matley).*

3. **Question** - Can a MOU or Letter of Agreement be done to outline what FTA oversight will entail?

**Answer** - *Nothing would change as far as FTA's involvement in the program review and oversight. An agreement between FHWA/FTA would be amended to reflect the CPG program.*

4. **Question** - Can SPR funding be included in the CPG program?

**Answer** – *No, SPR is not included in the sliding scale.*

5. **Question** – For transparency purposes, can ADOT provide an accounting statement annually on how funds are being distributed to all MPOs?

**Answer** – *Yes, ADOT MPD should be able to provide this accounting report.*

6. **Question** – Will the UPWP still require both certifications from FHWA and FTA?

**Answer** – *Pending*

7. **Question** – Will RPF/RFQ require both FHWA and FTA language?

**Answer** – *Pending*

8. **Question** – Can the FTA 5307 funds for planning be converted to the CPG program?

**Answer** – *Pending*

9. **Question** – Will ADOT consider a 4-year (2 UPWP cycles) pilot of CPG program and revisit with MPOs to see if the program is continued?

**Answer** – *Pending*

### **Pros**

- 5.7 % vs 20% matching funds
- 100 % of apportionment is available for the 5305d and 5305e funding – OA would not apply
- FTA 5305e Planning funds can also be included in the CPG program
- Fewer grants to manage
- COGs would benefit when applying for the 5305e Planning funds with the 5.7% match
- Flexibility on how to spend the funding
- Government shutdowns would not affect the ADOT transit and reimbursements

### **Cons**

- MPOs will need to remember to perform all needed transit planning activities for their region