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> In Reply Refer To: (TRAP 19 – MPO- SCMPO) Sun Corridor MPO Conformity Finding

Via e-mail: IHiggs@scmpo.org

Ms. Irene Higgs, Director Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization 211 North Florence Street, Suite 103 Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Dear Ms. Higgs:

This letter is in response to your June 12, 2025, letter requesting a conformity determination with respect to the draft FY 2025-2029 Sun Corridor MPO (SCMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 20250 Update for the Pinal County PM-10 and PM-2.5 nonattainment areas. In accordance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, a conformity finding of the transportation plans and programs in a non-attainment area is required of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration have determined that the Casa Grande, Arizona urbanized areas has met the requirements of the EPA Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93). This includes the West Pinal PM-10 and West Central Pinal PM-2.5 non-attainment areas.

Based on our evaluation of the documentation submitted with your June 25, 2025, letter a Finding of Conformity is hereby made with respect to the draft FY 2025-2029 SCMPO TIP and RTP 2050 Update as approved by Sun Corridor MPO Executive Board on June 10, 2025.

A Finding of Conformity was made previously on the FY 2023 - 2027 SCMPO TIP and RTP 2050 Update on February 28, 2025.

This conformity determination is in effect until such time as a new determination is required either by new regulatory requirements, major revision of transportation plans, or a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me at (602) 382-8989 or anthony.sarhan@dot.gov; or Mr. Tony Belleau of FTA Region IX at (202) 366-6250 or anthony.belleau@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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