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Honorable Margaret T. Hance  
Mayor of Phoenix  
251 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Hance:

I appreciate receiving your views on the Papago East very much. We, too, are delighted at the conditional location approval of the Papago Freeway from 51st on through the Inner Loop, and are moving full speed ahead to have an early design hearing to be followed by a tight schedule of design completions for the entire series of projects.

We completely understand your interest in moving forward with Papago East from 24th to 44th Streets as quickly as possible. We know this link is an important element of the MAG Transportation Plan that will be of enormous benefit to the area when completed.

We are presently assessing the impact of recently-passed S.B. 1001 and its specific funding designation for urban controlled-access highways. This assessment, which will be coordinated with Phoenix and Tucson officials, as well as the MAG and PAG Regional Councils, will cooperatively develop a program which prioritizes controlled-access state highway projects in both the MAG and PAG areas. These priorities will start appearing in the Five-Year Construction Program which will be adopted by the Transportation Board in June of 1982.

Thanks again for your views.

Cordially,

*W. A. Ordway*  
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