

**RESOLUTION 12 - \_\_\_\_**

**AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR A PLANNING ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL AREAS GRANT, THROUGH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN JOINT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BENSON FOR A FEASABILITY COORIDOR STUDY IN THE BENSON GROWTH AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors oversees the planning, construction and maintenance of County roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, successful rural transportation planning addresses system performance and preservation as well as mobility and access for people and goods; and

**WHEREAS**, coordination and connectivity between local jurisdictions is critically important to providing adequate, safe and effective transportation corridors for economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, improved connectivity between the incorporated City of Benson and adjacent areas of unincorporated Cochise County is needed to enhance rural economic connections to the Benson Municipal Airport as well as existing and future economic centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Assistance for Rural Area grant provides one hundred (100) percent funding to assist rural areas with meeting critical technical transportation planning needs,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cochise County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the joint application to the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas through the Arizona Department of Transportation as described above.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2012.

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Richard R. Searle, Chairman  
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

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Katie A. Howard,  
Clerk of the Board

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Adam Ambrose Civil  
Deputy County Attorney