

RESOLUTION 13-__

REQUESTING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE RESTORE LOCAL HIGHWAY USER REVENUE FUNDS AND WORK WITH TRANSPORTATION STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY AND ENACT REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE EXISTING HURF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND TO PURSUE POLICIES THAT IMPROVE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the road building and maintenance responsibilities of Arizona's counties are critical to public safety, economic development and quality of life in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Highway User Revenue Fund, known as HURF, is the primary resource dedicated to state, county and municipal highway and road construction; and

WHEREAS, HURF relies heavily on a 18 cent per gallon fuel tax that has not been raised since 1990 and is not indexed for inflation, leading to a substantial degradation in HURF purchasing power as the price of asphalt, rock products and heavy equipment has increased dramatically; and

WHEREAS, since FY09, the situation has been made worse by state legislative action diverting over \$634 million of HURF revenue to fund state agencies, costing the counties over \$115 million; and

WHEREAS, the FY14 state budget shifts \$120 million from road activities to fund obligations of the state's general fund, impacting county transportation programs by nearly \$21 million; and

WHEREAS, the reduced allocations from HURF to counties has resulted in counties suspending new construction, substantially decreasing road maintenance activities, and increasing designation of "primitive" roads; and

WHEREAS, these reduced allocations from HURF have caused similar infrastructure deficits in state and municipal transportation departments, making it evident that the road system in Arizona has been substantially compromised and is inadequate for future needs,

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Re: Requesting The Arizona Legislature Restore Local Highway User Revenue Funds And Work With Transportation Stakeholders To Identify And Enact Revenue Enhancements For The Existing HURF Distribution System And To Pursue Policies That Improve Efficient Utilization Of Transportation Resources

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County to respectfully request that the Arizona State Legislature:

- Discontinue the use of HURF resources for purposes other than road activities and restore those funds to state and local government transportation departments.
- Work with stakeholders to identify and enact revenue enhancements for the existing HURF distribution system.
- Identify and enact policies that improve efficient utilization of transportation resources.

PASS AND ADOPTED this ____ day of November, 2013.

Ann English, Chair
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios,
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney