

RESOLUTION NO. 21-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, CLARIFYING AND REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR AS DETAILED IN THE PINAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA

WHEREAS, in October 2016, the Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT"), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA"), initiated a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") study for selection of a corridor for a new transportation route in Pinal County; and

WHEREAS, the planned North-South Corridor spans more than 40 miles long between U.S. 60 Highway in Apache Junction and Interstate 10 near Eloy; and

WHEREAS, as part of the North-South Corridor Tier 1 EIS, ADOT and FHWA will select a corridor that would extend State Route ("SR") 24 from Ironwood Drive and connect with the North-South Corridor; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, the voters of Pinal County, Arizona, approved Proposition 416 with 57% of voters in favor and 43% opposed; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 416 established the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan ("the Plan"), laying out various projects of key importance to the future growth and development of Pinal County; and

WHEREAS, one of the key projects within the Plan is the North-South Corridor; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, Pinal County voters also approved Proposition 417, agreeing to pay an additional one-half percent sales tax on goods purchased in Pinal County, and which provides the funding mechanism for the North-South Corridor and other projects within the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the North-South Corridor will serve as a major commercial route, relieving commercial traffic from frequent

delays on Interstate 10, and providing a more direct route from U.S. 60 to the east valley of Phoenix, including to the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport; and

WHEREAS, the North-South Corridor will serve as a major route for the future economic development of Pinal County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

1) The City of Apache Junction reaffirms its support for the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan and the North-South Corridor.

2) The City of Apache Junction supports the routing of the North-South Corridor detailed in the Pinal Regional Transportation Plan that was approved by Pinal County voters in 2017, as reiterated and further clarified in Exhibit A, that is, to wit, Segments E1a/b, W1b, E1a (Frye Road alignment), W1a/b, E2a/b, E3a/c, E3b/d, E3a/b, and E4 or W4.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

Chip Wilson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Pena
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 2.9.21

RICHARD J. STERN
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

