

RESOLUTION NO. 5041

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA DECLARING SUPPORT OF THE SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERSTATE 10 (I-10) WIDENING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM CASA GRANDE TO CHANDLER.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Casa Grande, Arizona, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) along with county and municipal officials, in addition to planning staff, have determined the importance of the Interstate 10 (I-10) corridor from Casa Grande to Chandler; and,

WHEREAS, the I-10 corridor has been identified by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) as a "Key Commerce Corridor" and is the "bridge to the Sun Corridor"; and,

WHEREAS, the I-10 connects Arizona's two largest metropolitan areas of Phoenix and Tucson; and,

WHEREAS, this section of I-10 serves as one of the primary transportation corridors for movement of freight within Pinal County, and between Pinal County and other metropolitan areas within and outside of Arizona; and,

WHEREAS, the population of Pinal County is expected to increase by 29% over the next ten years and experience the largest growth increase of any County in the State; and,

WHEREAS, the projected employment growth rate of Pinal County is expected to increase by 18% over the next ten years; and,

WHEREAS, the concern over the increasing amount of crashes on I-10, specifically between Casa Grande and Chandler, causing complete shut downs of the I-10 corridor affect not only the Sun Corridor MPO region, but all of Arizona, freight mobility and traveling visitors; and,

WHEREAS, Sun Corridor MPO determined that the acceleration of the identified I-10 widening project is in the public's best interest; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that the City of Casa Grande declares support of the Sun Corridor MPO's efforts to work cooperatively to jointly advocate to the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the State

Transportation Board, Arizona's Congressional Delegation, the Arizona Legislator, the Maricopa Association of Governments, Maricopa County, Gila River Indian Community, and other public and private stakeholders to explore additional funding, creative financing, and additional statutory flexibility in order to advance the construction of the I-10 widening project into the ADOT Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Casa Grande, Arizona, this 19th day of June, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gloria Leija, MMC
City Clerk

Brett Wallace
City Attorney