



# SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

### A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE BOARD URGING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO DIRECT DEDICATED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TO ITS INTENDED USES, AND TO MODERNIZE OUR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING MECHANISMS

**WHEREAS**, the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) is a regional planning agency which performs and coordinates a variety of functions, including transportation planning, in the four-county region of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation revenue streams are declining due to better vehicle fuel efficiency, reductions of vehicle miles driven, declining motor vehicle sales, and fuel taxes not being adjusted for inflation for nearly twenty-one years; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately \$141 million in dedicated transportation funding was diverted to fund other government programs in the current fiscal year, and over \$1.9 billion has been diverted since 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the ongoing diversions of dedicated transportation funding and revenue declines, Arizona State, county, and municipal road programs have been significantly scaled back to routine maintenance work, which will hasten far more costly reconstruction activity at the public's expense in the future, negatively impact highway safety, and increase vehicle maintenance and repair costs for both the general public and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's 25-year Long Range Transportation Plan, which considers such factors as pavement conditions, congestion levels and safety performance, projects a \$63 billion gap between needs and revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, eliminating the diversion of transportation funding is vital for developing and maintaining the quality infrastructure needed to support jobs and economic growth, enhance Arizona's global competitiveness in interstate and international trade, and maintain the quality of life Arizonans have come to expect.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the SEAGO Executive Board that the Governor and State Legislature are hereby urged to eliminate the diversion of transportation funding to the State General Fund, to direct dedicated funding such as HURF toward its intended uses, and to modernize the mechanisms needed to develop and maintain our State's transportation infrastructure.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016.



**Bob Rivera, Chair**  
**SEAGO Executive Board**

  
**Randy Heiss,**  
**SEAGO Executive Director**