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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO CONSTRUCT IDENTIFIED IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSTATE 17 AND ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRIORITIZED LIST OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS ON ARIZONA'S KEY COMMERCE CORRIDORS.

WHEREAS, the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) is a regional transportation planning organization for the non-metropolitan areas in the four-county region of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has identified Key Commerce Corridors that provide the State with connectivity to critical markets in California, Texas, Mexico, and the global economy, and focused improvements to these corridors will facilitate economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the 1-17 corridor has been identified as one of the State's Key Commerce Corridors by virtue of its significant role in the movement of goods, people and services, as well as its connection to the east-west corridors of I-10 and I-40, major consumer markets, and northern Arizona tourism and recreational attractions; and

WHEREAS, the additional business costs associated with inefficient, congested and deteriorating transportation infrastructure has a negative impact on the decisions of businesses and industries considering investment or expansion in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable statewide concern over insufficient capacity, increasing congestion, and the lack of climbing lanes on 1-17 causing bottlenecks, crashes, and complete gridlock impacting the safety, economic vitality, mobility of all of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, in a February 2015 ADOT Climbing and Passing Lane Prioritization Study, seven of the top ten climbing lanes recommended for Arizona's multilane highways were on I-17 between the Black Canyon City Traffic Interchange and I-40; and

WHEREAS, a May 2015 Design Concept Report prepared for I-17 between the Black Canyon City Traffic Interchange and Cordes Junction identified short-term and long term implementation strategies to guide future decisions regarding improvements required to meet the capacity and operational needs of the traveling public over the next 20-25 years; and

WHEREAS, the uncertainty and inadequacy of current transportation funding mechanisms is well recognized, and federal, state and local elected officials, transportation professionals, and the business community acknowledge the need to identify Public-Private Partnership opportunities and other alternative transportation funding mechanisms to meet the growing needs on I-17 and the State Highway System in general.

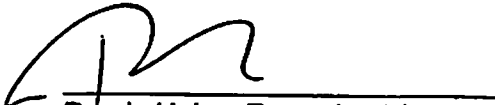
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SEAGO Executive Board encourages the development of a list of strategic transportation investments prioritized by the projects on the State Highway System most likely to bring near-term return on investment, attract new venture capital dollars to Arizona, create jobs, and pay dividends to the state's economy to be used for future transportation investments.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this 20th day of November 2015.



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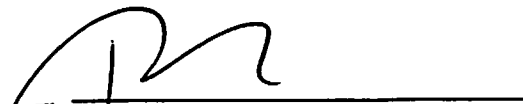
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