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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION ADVOCATING FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE SR 189 PROJECT INTO THE CURRENT ADOT FIVE-YEAR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the regional planning agencies throughout Arizona, including the Central Arizona Governments (CAG), Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO), Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO), Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG), Pima Association of Governments (PAG), Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG), and Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO), and other regional planning agencies and Native American Communities that may wish to join in this effort, hereafter referred to as the Regional Planning Agencies, desire to advocate for advancement of the preferred build alternative of the SR 189 project into the ADOT Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program; and

WHEREAS, Mexico is the largest bilateral trading partner with Arizona, accounting for an estimated \$30 million in two-way trade each day; and

WHEREAS, trade between the US and Mexico is expected to increase dramatically over the next decade, and Arizona is well positioned to become a global leader in international commerce by virtue of our proximity to the 13th largest economy in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa LPOE at Nogales, Arizona, is one of the ten busiest cargo ports along the US-Mexico Border, processing more than 85 percent of the commercial vehicles, and approximately 89% of the trade value crossing the Arizona-Sonora border; and

WHEREAS, the massive explosion in manufacturing occurring in Mexico, coupled with the expansion of the Sea Port of Guaymas, Sonora, could triple the current commercial traffic through the Mariposa LPOE and onto State Route 189 over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, State Route 189 serves as a bypass route for commercial truck traffic to and from Mexico and provides a critical international commerce connection from the Mariposa LPOE to Interstate 19; and

WHEREAS, to effectively enhance and facilitate the flow of international commerce, it is necessary to advance the improvements to State Route 189 leading to and from the Mariposa port of entry to support import and export trade; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Agencies have previously resolved to jointly support highway and rail infrastructure that supports our Arizona/Mexico ports of entry and urged the State Transportation Board to consider the economic development potential of projects in the Arizona Department of Transportation's Long-Range Transportation Plan, and

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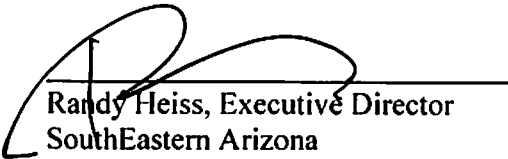
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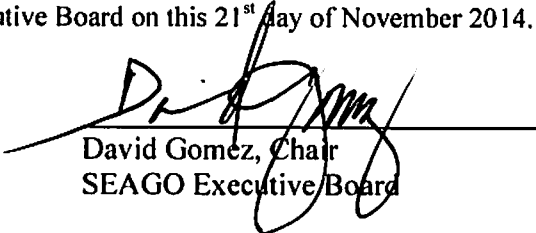
to explore additional funding and creative financing to implement projects such as SR 189 for the economic vitality of Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the SEAGO Executive Board as follows:

That it is the intent of SEAGO to work cooperatively with the Regional Planning Agencies to jointly advocate to the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the State Transportation Board, Arizona's Congressional Delegation, the Arizona Legislature, and other public and private stakeholders, to explore additional funding, creative financing, and additional statutory flexibility in order to advance the construction of the preferred build alternative for SR 189 into the ADOT Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program while holding harmless those projects currently programmed therein.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this 21st day of November 2014.


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