



# SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHING A LIST OF PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR THE SEAGO REGION, AND URGING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE TO FUND THE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE RTAC RURAL REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST**

**WHEREAS**, the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) is the transportation planning organization for the non-urbanized area of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality of Arizona's transportation infrastructure is vital to public safety, economic prosperity, environmental health, quality of life and cost of living; and

**WHEREAS**, ADOT's current long range plan estimates the state highway system's unfunded needs at \$30.5 billion, equating to only 43% of the needs being met; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's local road networks are facing comparable shortfalls, estimated at \$2.2 billion just for the maintenance of existing county roads; and

**WHEREAS**, counties & municipalities are predominantly dependent on state revenue sharing for the upkeep of local roads in lieu of local fuel and vehicle tax authority; and

**WHEREAS**, fuel taxes which are the predominant state revenue source for both state highways and local roads, have not been adjusted in over 30 years, dramatically reducing their impact due to inflation, rising construction costs, improving vehicle fuel efficiencies, and the development of alternative fuel vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the Arizona Legislature has increased transportation investment through earmarking one-time State General Fund revenues for various projects, a process which has proven to be politically viable at least partially due to the specificity of the use of the funding; and

**WHEREAS**, earmarking has funded critically needed highway and road projects but bypasses the established programming processes which prioritize needs through extensive analysis and public participation, processes that are increasingly important due to the magnitude of the under-investment levels and the need to maximize the best use of available funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Arizona transportation planning organizations (COG/MPOs) have the opportunity to provide a compromise approach by developing

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#### *Graham County*

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*Safford*

*San Carlos*

*Apache Tribe*

*Thatcher*

#### *Greenlee County*

*Clifton*

*Duncan*

#### *Santa Cruz County*

*Nogales*

*Patagonia*

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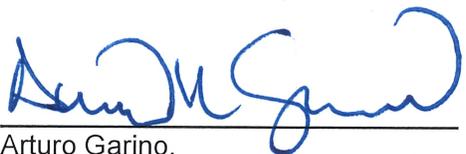
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a list of specific projects for earmarking but those that have been vetted and determined to be the top priorities for each Greater Arizona region; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SEAGO Executive Board hereby establishes the attached list of Priority Transportation Projects for the SEAGO region for inclusion in the RTAC Rural Regional Priority List; and

**THAT**, the SEAGO Executive Board urges the Arizona Legislature to enact legislation appropriating State General Fund revenues for the projects included in the RTAC Rural Regional Priority Project List.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this day, November 18, 2022.



Arturo Garino,  
Executive Board Chair



Randy Heiss,  
Executive Director



## **RTAC Priority Transportation Project List**

<b>Region Rank</b>	<b>Project Sponsor</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Local Contribution</b>	<b>Recommended Funding</b>
1	Graham County	Safford Bryce Road – Talley Wash Crossing	\$1,991,928	\$210,462	\$1,781,466
2	City of Nogales	Industrial Park Drive Reconstruction Project	\$2,505,944	\$142,839	\$2,363,105
3	San Carlos Apache Tribe	Peridot Siding Road (BIA Route 103) Pavement Overlay Project	\$1,500,000	\$85,500	\$1,414,500
4	Santa Cruz County	Ruby Road Bridge at Potrero Creek Replacement	\$15,829,984	\$4,500,000	\$3,492,681
5	Santa Cruz County	West Frontage Road at Camino Ramanote Roudabout	\$841,419	\$42,070	\$799,349
6	Town of Thatcher	8th Street Widening Project	\$4,764,580	\$238,229	\$4,526,351
7	City of Douglas	Douglas Port of Entry Connector Road (Design/ROW/Construction)	\$15,300,000	\$872,100	\$9,071,649
8	City of Nogales	Frank Reed Road Paving Project	\$1,864,652	\$93,233	\$1,771,419
9	Graham County	Norton Road/Reay Lane Intersection Reconstruction	\$513,496	\$25,675	\$487,821
10	Town of Patagonia	McKeown Avenue Reconstruction Project	\$1,523,068	\$76,153	\$1,446,915
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$46,067,071</b>	<b>\$6,286,261</b>	<b>\$27,155,256</b>