



RESOLUTION NO. 13-11-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE TO
RESTORE LOCAL HIGHWAY USER REVENUE FUNDS (HURF) AND
WORK WITH TRANSPORTATION STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY
AND ENACT REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE EXISTING HURF
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND TO PURSUE POLICIES THAT
IMPROVE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION
RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the road building and maintenance responsibilities of Arizona's counties are critical to public safety, economic development and quality of life in Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the Highway User Revenue Fund, known as HURF, is the primary resource dedicated to state, county and municipal highway and road construction, and

WHEREAS, HURF relies heavily on an 18 cent per gallon fuel tax that has not been raised since 1990 and is not indexed for inflation, leading to a substantial degradation in HURF purchasing power as the price of asphalt, rock products and heavy equipment has increased dramatically, and

WHEREAS, since FY09, the situation has been made worse by state legislative action diverting over \$634 million of HURF revenue to fund state agencies, costing the counties over \$115 million, and

WHEREAS, the FY14 state budget shifts \$120 million from road activities to fund obligations of the state's general fund, impacting county transportation programs by nearly \$21 million, and

WHEREAS, the reduced allocations from HURF to counties has resulted in counties suspending new construction, substantially decreasing road maintenance activities, and increasing designation of "primitive" roads, and

WHEREAS, these reduced allocations from HURF have caused similar infrastructure deficits in state and municipal transportation departments, making it evident that the road system in Arizona has been substantially compromised and is inadequate for future needs;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Gila County to respectfully request that the Arizona State Legislature:

- Discontinue the use of HURF resources for purposes other than road activities and restore those funds to state and local government transportation departments.
- Work with stakeholders to identify and enact revenue enhancements for the existing HURF distribution system.
- Identify and enact policies that improve efficient utilization.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of November 2013.

Attest:

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Marian Sheppard, Clerk


Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

Approved as to form:


Bryan Chambers
Deputy Attorney Principal

