

RESOLUTION No: 2008-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE RURAL TRANSPORTATION
ADVOCACY COUNCIL OF ARIZONA IN SUPPORT OF A FEDERAL
REIMBURSEMENT TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR FUNDING
LOANED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOOVER DAM
BYPASS BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the construction of the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge has considerable national security implications particularly for residents and infrastructure downstream of the Dam, as well as for the water supply for a considerable portion of the southwestern United States, and

WHEREAS, the completion of the bridge will help alleviate the substantial congestion between Phoenix, Arizona and Las Vegas, Nevada, the two fastest growing metropolitan regions in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the States of Arizona and Nevada loaned the federal government funding to construct the bridge and Arizona is still owed \$19 million while Nevada has received funding to pay their entire debt service, and

WHEREAS, interest, owed by the State of Arizona, will continue to accrue if a timely reimbursement of the loan is not received, and

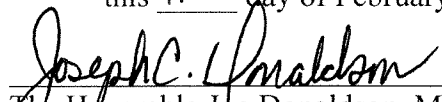
WHEREAS, the payment of debt service by the State of Arizona with state formula funds would reduce the amount of revenue available for the State Highway Construction Program, and

WHEREAS, existing state transportation resources are likely inadequate to address future statewide transportation infrastructure needs, and


WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council is supportive of measures that promote the development of transportation infrastructure, mobility, accessibility and economic development,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council formally declares its support for a full reimbursement by the federal government to the State of Arizona for funding loaned for the construction of the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge.

Passed and adopted by the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council of Arizona
this 11th day of February, 2008.


The Honorable Joe Donaldson, Mayor of Flagstaff
Chairman, Rural Transportation Advocacy Council

ATTEST:


Kevin Adam
Rural Transportation Liaison