

RESOLUTION No: 2008-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE RURAL TRANSPORTATION
ADVOCACY COUNCIL OF ARIZONA IN SUPPORT OF
MEASURES TO DEVELOP AND INCREASE RAIL
CAPACITY

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

WHEREAS, transportation officials project national freight volumes will increase by more than 67% over the next twenty years while the Nation's highways are already stretched to capacity, and

WHEREAS, the efficient movement of goods is directly related to the strength of the national economy and the citizen's quality of life, and

WHEREAS, a multimodal approach to addressing Arizona's future transportation infrastructure needs includes the development of both freight and commuter rail services, and

WHEREAS, the expansion of rail capacity would yield impressive public benefits by relieving congestion, reducing highway costs, providing a critical intermodal link to international trade, and improving air quality and fuel efficiency, and

WHEREAS, such support is contingent upon the rail industry's increased financial commitment to eliminate high volume at-grade crossings and to increase the compatibility of new rail infrastructure with the infrastructure of other transportation modes, particularly road and highway crossings,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council formally declares its support for measures to promote the development and expansion of rail capacity provided such development is compatible with other modes of transportation.

Passed and adopted by the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council of Arizona
this 3rd day of March, 2008.

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

ATTEST:

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