

RESOLUTION No: 2009-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE RURAL TRANSPORTATION ADVOCACY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE ARIZONA INTERNATIONAL LAND PORTS OF ENTRY AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TO ACCOMMODATE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC AND TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S CANAMEX CORRIDOR TASK FORCE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO SECURE SUCH FEDERAL FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council of Arizona is supportive of measures that promote the development of vibrant local, state and national transportation infrastructure systems that promote safety, mobility, accessibility, and economic development, and

WHEREAS, Arizona's international land ports of entry are critical components of national economic and physical security, and

WHEREAS, substantial congestion has developed at the international ports of entry which has adversely impacted the local, regional and state economies and transportation systems, and,

WHEREAS, commercial traffic through the Arizona international ports of entry has grown by 17% (over 55,000 more trucks) from 2002-2007 and is expected to triple over the next 15-20 years, and

WHEREAS, every \$1 Billion in trade through Arizona's international ports of entry creates 14,000 jobs strengthening both the Arizona and U.S. economy, and

WHEREAS, border security and the facilitation of international trade, including the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) are federal responsibilities, yet border infrastructure costs continue to be absorbed by the State of Arizona and many local Arizona jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, border traffic also generates increased infrastructure needs beyond the ports of entry linking the ports to state and interstate transportation systems,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council formally declares its support for measures to promote the federal funding of Arizona international land ports of entry infrastructure and other related infrastructure projects linking the ports to state and interstate transportation systems and to support and coordinate with ongoing efforts to secure such funding by the Governor's CANAMEX Corridor Task Force and other organizations.

Passed and adopted by the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council of Arizona this 23rd day of March, 2009.

The Honorable Matt Ryan, Coconino County Supervisor
Chairman, Rural Transportation Advocacy Council

ATTEST:

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