



## **RESOLUTION 2013-889**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO DISCONTINUE DIVERSION OF HIGHWAY USER REVENUE FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, transportation revenue streams are declining due to better vehicle fuel efficiency, higher fuel prices, reduced vehicle miles traveled, declining motor vehicle sales, and fuel taxes not being adjusted for inflation for nearly twenty years; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has diverted over \$1.7 billion in highway and road funding to pay for an increasingly larger portion of Department of Public Safety (DPS) operations over the past twelve years; and

**WHEREAS**, in spite of an annual statutory cap of \$20 million, approximately \$127 million in Highway User Revenue Funding (HURF) was diverted to fund DPS operations in the current fiscal year, while the State General Fund contributed only \$45 million; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the HURF diversions and revenue declines, \$350 million in previously planned highway construction and maintenance activity will need to be eliminated from the State's Five-Year Transportation Construction Program; and

**WHEREAS**, continued HURF diversions will result in long-term economic impacts to local governments through increased system maintenance and preservation expenses, cause the deferral or cancellation of planned transportation infrastructure investments, negatively impact highway safety, and increase vehicle maintenance and repair costs for both the general public and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's 25-year Long Range Transportation Plan, which considers such factors as pavement conditions, congestion levels and safety performance, projects a \$63 billion gap between needs and revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past two years, state general fund revenues have surpassed forecasted levels and a budget surplus is highly anticipated for the current year weakening the rationale for subsidizing the state budget with HURF funds; and

**WHEREAS**, eliminating the diversion of transportation funding is vital for developing and maintaining the quality infrastructure needed to protect public safety and the environment, support jobs and economic growth, and enhance the overall quality of life for Arizonans.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the **Town of Camp Verde** that the State Legislature and Governor are hereby urged to eliminate the diversion of transportation funding to the State General Fund and to direct dedicated funding such as HURF toward its intended uses.

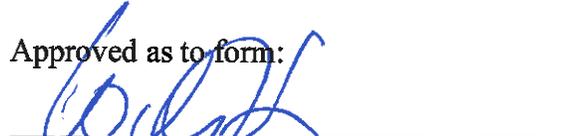
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Mayor and Common council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai county Arizona on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

  
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Bob Burnside, Mayor 3.20-13

Attest:

  
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Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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William J. Sims III, Town Attorney