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Resolution Number 3-15

A Resolution of the County Supervisors Association of Arizona Respectfully Requesting that State Leaders Take Action to Increase State and Local Investment in Transportation Infrastructure

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 Fiscal Year 2009, the situation has been made worse by state legislative action diverting over \$771 million of HURF revenue to fund state agencies, costing the counties over \$138 million, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2016 state budget shifts \$57 million from road activities to fund obligations of the state's general fund, impacting county transportation programs by over \$12 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:



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Supervisors Association of Arizona hereby respectfully requests 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;
- Identify and enact revenue enhancements for the existing HURF distribution system; and
- Identify and enact policies that improve efficient utilization of transportation resources.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of October, 2015.

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ATTEST:

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