COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA

Resolution Number 2-25

A Resolution of the County Supervisors Association of Arizona Urging State Lawmakers to Enact Long-term Funding Solutions to Support State and Local Transportation Infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the state, county, and municipal governments to build and maintain roads is 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 maintenance, and

WHEREAS, HURF relies heavily on an 18 cent per gallon motor fuel tax last changed in 1990 that is the fourth lowest rate in the country, 20 cents lower than the nationwide average, and is not indexed for inflation, and

WHEREAS, the emergence of new and developing technologies, in addition to an increase in the sale of electric, hybrid, and other fuel-efficient vehicles that pay little or no fuel taxes, continues to erode gas tax revenues while causing wear and tear on the roads, and

WHEREAS, the cost of road construction and maintenance has increase 73% in just 5 years, according to the National Highway Construction Cost Index, and

WHEREAS, although nominal HURF revenues increased 13% from FY 2021 to FY 2025, HURF purchasing power plummeted 35% over the same time period, and

WHEREAS, decreasing purchasing power means that HURF distributions to counties can only cover half of what they could have 20 years ago, and

WHEREAS, while one-time state appropriations and federal grants for road projects have been helpful in repairing some roads, it does not address the systemic need for ongoing investment for roadway maintenance at the state and local level, and

WHEREAS, the need for additional resources to maintain Arizona's local and state transportation systems has been well documented over the last decade, and

WHEREAS, although significant one-time funding has been deployed on roadway projects, ADOT pavement condition data shows that the number of lane miles in poor condition more than doubled from 2019 to 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation's long-range plan estimates that funding will be $111.6 billion below what is needed to properly fund just the state's transportation infrastructure needs through 2050, and

WHEREAS, there are substantial barriers to increasing user fees to appropriately fund infrastructure needs, including super majority requirements for both legislative and voter-approved actions, and

WHEREAS, without action by the state, Arizona's roadways will continue to degrade as the outdated funding model cannot keep up with inflationary, technological and demographic pressures on Arizona's transportation infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Supervisors Association of Arizona hereby urges the Governor and Arizona State Legislature to:

- Identify and implement a long-term funding solution for statewide transportation needs, including establishing fuel tax parity with alternative fuel vehicles, and
- Allocate any additional one-time resources using existing distribution mechanisms for transportation funding, and
- Oppose the reduction or diversion of existing transportation revenues.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October, 2025.

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