

RESOLUTION NO. 1490-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AFFIRMING THE TOWN OF FLORENCE'S PREFERENCES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADOT NORTH-SOUTH FREEWAY CORRIDOR.

WHEREAS, the Town of Florence has proactively worked to identify and support the short, mid and long-term transportation needs and goals for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Florence has been actively engaged with the ADOT North-South Freeway and Passenger Rail Corridor Studies to protect the long term transportation needs of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the proper alignment and future development of the proposed ADOT Freeway is critical to the long-term prosperity and sustainability of the Town of Florence; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Florence 2020 General Plan Future Land Use Map contained within the Land Use Element indicates the Town's conceptual alignment of the proposed North-South ADOT Freeway Corridor, as well as the proposed conceptual alignment of the ADOT Passenger Rail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, an ongoing public participation process, including the holding of a public hearings of the Town of Florence Planning and Zoning Commission, public hearings of the Council of the Town of Florence, and public outreach to impacted stakeholders has occurred to establish the Town's preferences for the future ADOT North-south Freeway Corridor on the Town's Future Land Use Map; and

WHEREAS, the current ADOT North-South Freeway Study alternatives do not precisely match the preferences of the Town via the approved Future Land Use Map, the Town affirms its support of the Future Land Use Map, but expresses its corridor segment preferences within the Town's Planning Area to be: O3, V, X and AO; and

WHEREAS, the Town must take a stance against alternatives that vary substantially from the Town's preferences and that would be damaging to the Town's future prosperity and sustainability, particularly referring to objectionable segments G, Q and AB; and

WHEREAS, the Town must support alternatives that are in support of the Town's position as the County Seat of Pinal County and a major employer for the Town of Florence; and

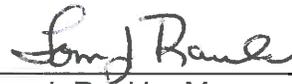
WHEREAS, the positions stated via this Resolution have been found to: be

appropriate; be consistent with the goals, objectives and strategies of the Florence 2020 General Plan; Specifically, the Amendment is consistent with Goals One and Two of the Circulation Element that support a safe, efficient, balanced and comprehensive transportation system and Goal One of the Economic Development Element that states "Develop a sustainable economy in order to maintain a vibrant and healthy community". Thus, a determination has been made that this Resolution should be approved.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Florence, Arizona, as follows:

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Florence hereby adopt this resolution affirming the Town's preferences regarding the ADOT North-South Freeway Corridor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Florence, Arizona, this 8th day of December, 2014.



Tom J. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James E. Mannato, Town Attorney