



RESOLUTION 2002 – 534

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA
OPPOSING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING BY THE
FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATIONS REGARDING
NON-METROPOLITAN LOCAL OFFICIAL CONSULTATION**

Both the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21) included requirements for involving non-metropolitan local officials in the statewide transportation planning process. The TEA 21 requirements have now been the subject of two proposed rulemakings, however, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have yet to issue final rules on this subject which meet the intent of and specific direction provided by the United States Congress.

WHEREAS, ISTEA and TEA 21 required provisions for consultation with non-metropolitan local officials in the statewide transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA and FTA issued a proposed rulemaking in May 2000 which required a cooperatively developed state consultation process and specifically defined “non-metropolitan local official”; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives included specific language in the FY 2002 U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and Department of Defense Appropriations Acts, which directed the USDOT to issue a final rule on non-metropolitan local official consultation by February 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, if implemented, will result in weaker regulations for non-metropolitan local official involvement and may have negative impacts on the statewide transportation planning process in many states; and

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Public Administration has indicated in its report to the USDOT that the involvement of non-metropolitan local officials in the statewide transportation planning process builds more trust in government, results in better plans and programs, and generates more support for implementing plans and projects; and


WHEREAS, non-metropolitan local officials should be afforded the same recognition and opportunities for involvement in the statewide transportation planning and programming processes as their urban counterparts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE AS FOLLOWS:

The Town of Camp Verde is strongly opposed to the June 2002 Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and encourages the USDOT, FHWA and FTA to issue a final rule, consistent with the May 2000

proposed rule, which strengthens the role of non-metropolitan local officials in the statewide transportation planning and programming processes.


PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, this 17th day of July 2002.



Brenda Hauser, Mayor


Date: 7-22-02

Attest:



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:



Julie Kriegh, Town Attorney