

## **RESOLUTION 2015-942**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, REQUESTING THAT THE ARIZONA GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE RESTORE HIGHWAY USER REVENUE FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Camp Verde is a Municipality which performs and coordinates a variety of functions, including transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, transportation revenue streams have declined due to better vehicle fuel efficiency, reduced vehicle miles traveled, reduced motor vehicle sales, and fuel taxes not being adjusted for inflation for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Highway User Revenue Funding (HURF) distributions to local governments in northern Arizona have declined as much as 27% over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, the State has diverted over \$1.9 billion in highway and road funding to pay for an increasingly larger portion of Department of Public Safety (DPS) operations since 2001; and

WHEREAS, despite an annual statutory cap of \$20 million, approximately \$104 million in HURF was diverted to fund DPS operations in the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, continued HURF diversions will result in long-term economic impacts to the state and 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, eliminating the diversion of transportation funding is vital for developing and maintaining the quality infrastructure needed to protect public safety, support jobs and economic growth, and enhance the overall quality of life for Arizonans.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be it resolved by Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, that in 2016 the Arizona Governor and State Legislature are respectfully requested to:

- Discontinue the use of HURF resources for purposes other than road activities and restore those funds to state and local government transportation departments.
- Work with stakeholders to identify and enact revenue enhancements for the existing HURF distribution system.
- Identify and enact policies that improve efficient utilization of transportation resources.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the Common Council at the regular meeting on the  $2^{nd}$  Day of December, 2015.

Charles German, Mayor

December 2, 2015

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form:

Virginia Jones, Town Clerk

William J. Sims Jlf, Town Attorney