

**TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA
RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 1028**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, OPPOSING ANY NEW REGIONAL CONNECTOR (CONNECTING ROAD) THROUGH THE CONFINES OF US 89A, HIGHWAY 179, INTERSTATE 17, AND HIGHWAY 260.

WHEREAS, the Town of Camp Verde passed a General Plan on March 30th, 2016 and the voters approved it on August 30th, 2016 with 62% of the vote in favor, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9 of the General Plan identifies three of Camp Verde's strongest assets as the Verde River, the Western/rural lifestyle, and open space/scenery , and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 of the General Plan identified the primary growth area as the 260 Corridor west of I-17 and the I-17/Highway 260 interchange, and secondarily identified 260 east to Finnie Flats Road, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9 of the General Plan identifies the Middle Verde Cemetery and Trail 119A by Overlook Acres as open space & recreation, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9 of the General Plan seeks to implement strategies promoting preservation of lands along the Verde River in close proximity to existing neighborhoods, as well as work closely with appropriate agencies and other organizations to protect, enhance and provide access to historic and proposed trails, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9 of the General Plan seeks to implement strategies to prevent the enclosure of natural environment within town boundaries to maintain wildlife migration patterns, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3 of the General Plan identifies ten "character areas" including the 260 West Character Area the Middle Verde Character Area, and

WHEREAS, the 260 West Character Area was identified as 2,000 acres with a modern divided highway with the Gateway Entrance Points being the town boundary to the west and the west side of Interstate 17 at the junction of Highway 260, and

WHEREAS, for the 260 West Character Area, and the General Plan includes strategies to encourage commercial growth in the area as the preferred place for new business with Camp Verde, and

WHEREAS, Yavapai County has proposed a new regional connector (connecting road) through the confines of US 89A, Highway 179, Interstate 17, and Highway 260 (aka Verde Connect), and

WHEREAS, for the Middle Verde Character Area, the General Plan includes strategies to maintain the rural residential and agricultural character of the area, to preserve existing densities, and enhance the area through appropriate and compatible public facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Middle Verde Character Area was identified as a mix of rural properties of various densities, with small farms straddling the Verde River that provide food for local business and the valley-wide supported agriculture program.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde as Follows:

1. Any new regional connector (connecting road) through the confines of US 89A, Highway 179, Interstate 17, and Highway 260 that is in significant conflict with the adopted General Plan.
2. The Town of Camp Verde formally opposes any such new road, specifically including but not limited to:
 - a. Any bypass of the Highway 260 corridor west of Interstate 17, and
 - b. Any connection that changes W Middle Verde Road from a dead-end winding country road, and
 - c. Connecting Cornville Road to Highway 260.
3. The Town Manager is directed, on behalf of the Mayor and Common Council, to Support the "no build" option for such a road.
4. The Town Manager shall provide any agency proposing such a road with copies of the Town of Camp Verde General Plan and shall further take all action possible to cause said agency to comply with the General Plan.
5. The Town of Camp Verde formally opposes any takings (whether by right-of-way, easement, or otherwise) of private and public property within the Town Limits.
6. The Town of Camp Verde formally opposes any additional taxes, temporary or permanent, to complete this project, as well as opposes any matching funds or any action that will cost the Town of Camp Verde additional expenditures, as well as any reduction in county funds for other project needs in the Town of Camp Verde.


PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona on this 19th day of June 2019.

APPROVED:



Charles C. German, Mayor Date:

ATTESTED:

 6-24-19

Judy Morgan, CMC, Town Clerk Date:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



William Sims, Town Attorney