

RESOLUTION NO. 2238

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, REQUESTING THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A PLANNING STUDY FOR AN ALTERNATE ROUTE SOUTHEAST OF PAYSON BETWEEN STATE ROUTE 87 AND STATE ROUTE 260.

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson believes that it would be highly desirable and mutually advantageous to the people of the State of Arizona and the Town of Payson that an alternate route be constructed from a point on State Route 87 south east of Payson to a point on State Route 260 east of Star Valley; and

WHEREAS, such construction would require a planning study; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson desires to support and encourage the consideration of the Arizona Department of Transportation to begin such a study,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Town of Payson encourages the Arizona Department of Transportation to commence a planning study for an alternate route from a point on State Route 87 southeast of Payson to a point on State Route 260 east of Star Valley.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, this ____ day of _____, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES _____ NOES _____ ABSTENTIONS _____ ABSENT _____

F. Robert Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

Samuel I. Streichman, Town Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council
FROM: Fred Carpenter, Town Manager 
SUBJECT: Resolution of Support for Alternate
Route
DATE: December 5, 2007

At a meeting last Thursday with Dale Buskirk, director of the Planning Division of the Arizona Department of Transportation, the process for pursuing an alternate route for SR 87/260 was reviewed. The first step is for the Towns of Payson and Star Valley to adopt resolutions requesting that ADOT conduct a planning study, which will be paid for by ADOT, for a route corridor. Staff is recommending the attached resolution be adopted and forwarded to Mr. Buskirk, who is expected to schedule the planning study to begin in early spring 2007.

As part of the planning study, ADOT will create a technical advisory committee composed of representatives from the two towns, the US Forest Service, ADOT staff and other stakeholders. The committee will help develop a generalized route corridor, a process that will require several months to complete.

After the planning study is complete, the town councils of Payson and Star Valley will be asked to approve it. The next step will be to request that the State Transportation Board include funding in the ensuing five-year plan to prepare a design concept report to select, within the generalized route corridor, the preferred route for the roadway.

Once the design concept report is complete, which could require from 18 months to five years, we will be positioned to request the State Transportation Board to include final design of the roadway in the five-year plan.

With design in hand, funding for construction can be sought. During this part of the process, consideration may be given to making the route a toll road, which could shorten the construction time frame by several years.