

RESOLUTION NO. 2366

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 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 southeast 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 Arizona Department of Public Safety has reported back ups of up to seventeen miles on holiday weekends, the cause of which is traffic through Payson; and

WHEREAS, the back ups on State Routes 87 and 260 cause delays for the people of Arizona and hazardous conditions for all cross traffic in Payson; and

WHEREAS, the traffic volume on State Routes in Payson on weekends is such that it is generally unsafe and a potential for increased crashes and injuries for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the high volumes of traffic has an adverse affect on the commerce of the Town and senior citizens refrain from using the highways on weekends because of the traffic congestion, and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the citizens of Payson are in jeopardy on weekends because of the slow response time of emergency vehicles due to traffic back ups on the only two State highways in Town, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Arizona Department of Transportation and the purpose of the State Highway system is to move traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson desires, requests and supports such a study by the Arizona Department of Transportation at its earliest possible opportunity,

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 requests the Arizona Department of Transportation to undertake 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 at its earliest opportunity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, this _____ day of _____, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES _____ NOES _____ ABSTENTIONS _____ ABSENT _____

ATTEST:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

F. Robert Edwards, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Samuel I. Streichman, Town Attorney