



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing the Office of Planning and Community Development to Apply for the Arizona Department of Transportation Planning Assistance for Rural Areas Grant)

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("WMAT"), on this day, has been informed by the Transportation Department, a subdivision of the Office of Planning and Community Development, that federal funding is available via competitive application through the Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT") Planning Assistance for Rural Areas ("PARA") program. Funding through the PARA program is intended to assist Tribes in need of transportation planning assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** the WMAT has a Long Range Transportation Plan ("LRTP") that was previously developed with the goal of identifying the transportation needs of the White Mountain Apache people and to further develop strategies that would meet WMAT needs in order to address future land use, economic development, traffic demands, public safety, health and other social needs that would benefit from an improved overall plan; and
- WHEREAS,** typical long term plans are most effective if they encompass a minimum of twenty (20) years and should be evaluated and updated every five (5) years in order to optimize planning, encourage efficiency, and properly plan for future Tribal needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the LRTP is required and must be established pursuant to Federal Law. The plan is also commonly used to justify updates to the National Tribal Transportation Inventory and its importance should not be taken lightly; and
- WHEREAS,** the ADOT PARA grant funds 100% of the cost of the planning study, which includes funding up to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) while requiring no matching funds, therefore this is an excellent opportunity for the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Transportation Department and Office of Planning, therefore, recommend that the members of the governing body consider supporting this effort by authorizing the White Mountain Apache Tribe to submit an application for Transportation funding under the ADOT PARA program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to support, direct, and authorize the Office of Planning to submit an application for the benefit of the WMAT's Transportation Program in order to solicit funding via the PARA program that is sorely needed to ensure proper updates, maintenance and planning efforts as they pertain to Tribal Transportation on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Office of Planning and Community Development to prepare and submit an application to ADOT for PARA funding. The Tribal Council strongly supports Tribal transportation planning and believes that the Apache people and visiting guests from throughout the White Mountain Apache region and State would benefit immensely from a funding allocation that would serve to update the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Long Range Transportation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **MARCH 4, 2015** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

3/12/15  3-12-2015
Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date