

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-37**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE REVENUES AVAILABLE TO STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS AND DEDICATED TO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, REHABILITATION, AND MAINTENANCE.**

WHEREAS, having an adequate, well maintained road system is an essential component in promoting commerce, safety and the quality of life for the people of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Arizona must make every effort to become more competitive in attracting and retaining business activity and investment; and

WHEREAS, revenues going into the Highway User Revenue Fund have decreased substantially; and

WHEREAS, over the last 10 years, hundreds of millions of dollars have been diverted from the already declining dollars available in the Highway User Revenue Fund to fund obligations of the State General Fund; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these reduced allocations from the Highway User Revenue Fund to State, county, and municipal transportation departments the road system in Arizona has been substantially compromised and is inadequate.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that the Arizona Legislature:

1. Discontinue use of Highway User Revenue Fund resources for purposes other than road improvements, rehabilitation and maintenance and reimburse the State, county and municipal transportation departments for amounts previously diverted from the Fund, including approximately \$38 million diverted from Pima County since 2002.
2. Enact legislation to continue the one cent per gallon tax originally dedicated to the Underground Storage Tank Assurance Account, and which will otherwise sunset at the end of 2013, and rededicate this estimated \$29 million in annual revenue to State, county and municipal road repair and maintenance.
3. Increase the State gasoline tax, which is not indexed for inflation and has not been increased since 1990, by 10 cents per gallon to coincide with the 29.7 cents per gallon average levied by states surrounding Arizona for deposit in the Highway User Revenue fund and allocated to the State, counties and municipalities.
4. Pursue all other available alternatives to increase funding for preservation of the road system in the State.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

**PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ATTEST**


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Ramón Valadez, Chairman

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT**

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C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**



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County Attorney

**CHRISTOPHER STRAUB**