RESOLUTION NO. 17-1422

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELOY, ARIZONA IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERSTATE 10 WIDENING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM CASA GRANDE TO CHANDLER.

WHEREAS, the Eloy City Council, along with Pinal County and other municipal officials have determined the importance of the Interstate 10 (I-10) corridor from Eloy to Chandler; and,

WHEREAS, the I-10 corridor has been identified by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) as a "Key Commerce Corridor" and is the "bridge to the Sun Corridor"; and,

WHEREAS, the I-10 corridor connects Arizona's two largest metropolitan areas of Phoenix and Tucson; and,

WHEREAS, this section of I-10 serves as one of the primary transportation corridors for movement of freight within Pinal County, and between Pinal County and other metropolitan areas within and outside of Arizona; and,

WHEREAS, the population of Pinal County is expected to increase by 29% over the next ten years and experience the largest growth increase of any County in the State; and,

WHEREAS, the projected employment growth rate of Pinal County is expected to increase by 18% over the next ten years; and,

WHEREAS, the concern over the increasing amount of crashes on I-10, specifically between Casa Grande and Chandler, causing complete shut downs of the I-10 corridor affect all of Arizona, freight mobility and traveling visitors; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Eloy has determined that the acceleration of the identified I-10 widening project is in the public's best interest.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Eloy encourages ADOT to work cooperatively with the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the State Transportation Board, Arizona's Congressional Delegation, the Arizona Legislator, the Maricopa Association of Governments, Maricopa County, Gila River Indian Community, and other public and private stakeholders to explore additional funding, creative financing, and additional statutory flexibility in order to advance the construction of the I-10 widening project into the ADOT Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Eloy, Arizona this 12th day of June, 2017.

APPROVED:

Joél G. Belloc, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Myers, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen R. Cooper, City Attorney