

RESOLUTION N^o. 11-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA URGING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE TO DISCONTINUE DIVERSIONS OF HIGHWAY USER REVENUE FUNDS AND TO RESTORE FUNDING LOCAL AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) and Vehicle License Tax (VLT) are the exclusive sources of funds by which most counties and municipalities are able to fund road maintenance, snow removal, preservation and improvement of public roads; and

WHEREAS, in rural areas a single road is often the only access to business and commerce centers, homes, schools and medical facilities, and any deterioration in road conditions creates a major inconvenience and potential safety hazard for the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities have a legal obligation to keep the roads within their jurisdictional responsibility in safe condition for the traveling public, and any impairment of such ability creates additional liability exposure for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, even in the best of economic times the HURF distribution formula poses a challenge for rural counties and municipalities that have extensive road maintenance systems but small populations; and

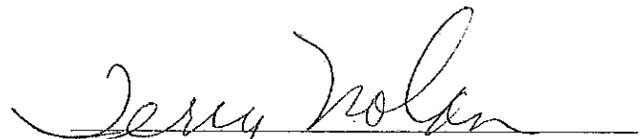
WHEREAS, over the past decade the State has diverted more than \$1.4 billion in transportation revenues to the State General Fund, with nearly \$230 million diverted in FY2011 alone; and

WHEREAS, these diversions will result in long-term economic impacts to local agencies through increased system maintenance and preservation expenses, cause the deferral or cancellation of planned transportation infrastructure investments, reduce contracting opportunities for the construction industry, and jeopardize public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dewey-Humboldt understands that HURF diversions are having a severe adverse impact on all local agencies with road maintenance responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Dewey-Humboldt urges the Arizona Legislature to discontinue diversion of HURF distributions to counties and municipalities and to restore HURF funding to pre-sweep levels within the next legislative session.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona this 8th day of November, 2011.


Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy Morgan, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Susan Goodwin, Town Attorney