RESOLUTION 05-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD.

WHEREAS: The population of Pinal County and the City of Maricopa is growing rapidly and is projected to exceed one million people in total within the next twenty years; and

WHEREAS: Developing a transportation system that is equipped to handle the traffic demands of this growing population in the City of Maricopa and the surrounding County is necessary to assure a high quality of life and continued growth of this region; and

WHEREAS: Developing this transportation system is a responsibility shared jointly by Pinal County, the cities and towns within Pinal County and the State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS: To assess the need and feasibility of future transportation corridors in the City of Maricopa and surrounding areas of Pinal County the State Department of Transportation conducted the Pinal County Corridor Definition Study, US60 Corridor Definition Study and the Williams Gateway Corridor Definition Study; and

WHEREAS: The recommendations of the corridor studies include the rerouting of the US60 around Gold Canyon, the development of a transportation corridor that would link Highway 287 north of Coolidge to the Loop 202 in Mesa, a limited access corridor north-south between US60 and the Williams Gateway corridor; and an additional corridor going south from State Highway 287 to I-10 that will be needed at the time of build out; and

WHEREAS: These recommendations represent a good beginning to the development of a comprehensively planned transportation system to serve the people who live and work in the City of Maricopa and the surrounding area of Pinal County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maricopa City Council hereby supports the recommendations of the corridor studies; and

That Pinal County, the cities and towns within Pinal County and the State Department of Transportation should work together to further plan and develop these transportation corridors. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Maricopa this 18th day of October, 2005.

APPROVED: ior

ATTEST:

Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: City Attorney