



# Staff Report

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**Agenda Item:**           **Letter of Support For State Route 260's Inclusion on ADOT's 5-Year Construction Plan, and Identification of SR 260 as Clarkdale's Top Regional Transportation Priority** – Approval for the Mayor to compose and submit a letter of support for State Road 260 improvements from Thousand Trails to Interstate 17.

**Sponsored By:**       Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

**Staff Contact:**       Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk

**Meeting Date:**       June 9, 2009

**Background:**       The State Transportation Board will hold their June monthly meeting in Cottonwood on June 18, 2009. Representatives from the Verde Valley have discussed the desire to present a unified voice to the ADOT Board at that meeting with regard for funding for the remaining SR 260 Improvements (from Thousand Trails to Interstate 17). As a result of a recent Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization (VVTPO) meeting, Yavapai County District 3 Supervisor A. G. "Chip" Davis has requested a letter of support from all Verde Valley Mayors and Councils for the inclusion of the SR 260 corridor from Thousand Trails to Interstate 17 in ADOT's 5-Year Construction program. The requested support would also identify SR 260 as the most significant and needed road improvement project for our Verde Valley region. Communities are requested to urge ADOT to include this project on the ADOT five year plan and to apply for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery stimulus funds.

The VVTPO and Supervisor Davis urge that the parameters for regional support of the SR 260 project include intersection spacing of no less than one mile apart on the eight mile stretch of SR 260. Should intersection spacing become more frequent than one mile, then it is advised that the region should pursue the construction of the forest service alignment from Thousand Trails to General Crook Trail.

**Recommendation:**   Approval for the Mayor to compose and submit a letter of support for State Road 260 improvements from Thousand Trails to Interstate Hwy 17, with the parameters that include intersection spacing of no less than one mile apart on the eight mile stretch.

# Board of Supervisors District 3



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May 27, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor Tony Gioia, Town of Camp Verde  
Honorable Mayor Doug Von Gausig, Town of Clarkdale  
Honorable Mayor Diane Joens, City of Cottonwood  
Honorable Mayor Al Palmieri, Town of Jerome  
Honorable Mayor Rob Adams, City of Sedona  
Honorable Chairman Thomas Beauty, Yavapai-Apache Nation

RE: State Route 260 – Regional Priority

Dear Verde Valley Mayors and Chairman:

Would you and your Councils consider the establishment of SR 260 highway corridor as the most significant and needed road improvement project for our region?

We would like to take a two-prong approach and establish this corridor on ADOT's five year plan and also apply for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) stimulus competitive program.

At our May 27<sup>th</sup> Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization (VVTPO) meeting those attending agreed and voted unanimously that SR 260 is the top priority with the following criteria:

- Intersections no less than one mile apart on the remaining eight mile stretch.
- Pursue the construction of the forest service alignment from Thousand Trails to General Crook Trail if intersections become less than one mile apart.

We would like to present a united front at the June 19, 2009 State Transportation Board meeting to be held in Cottonwood and let them know SR 260 is our priority for road improvements. If your Councils vote is positive, please submit a support resolution or letter to our office. We will package the support letters/resolutions for the State Transportation Board presentation on June 19<sup>th</sup> and submit for the TIGER stimulus program.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,



A.G. "Chip" Davis  
District 3 Supervisor