

RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe requested certain improvements to State Route 73, to include roadway widening and associated paving, drainage improvements, curbing with associated gutter, appurtenant sidewalks and traffic signals and crosswalks as needed for the town of Whiteriver, located within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council first requested said street construction improvement in 1978, now designated as ADOT Project No: 73-NA-337/H069204C, ECS file JPA88-63, Section SR73 Whiteriver Streets, but to date said construction has not commenced and in fact, the Tribal Council is now advised that construction may not commence until FY 94; and
- WHEREAS, the reservation border towns of Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside, as well as other small communities between the reservation and the town of Holbrook, already have completed road widening projects with sidewalks, curbs, and other improvements which enhance business opportunities, tourism, community growth and the aesthetic appearances of said communities; and
- WHEREAS, the community of Whiteriver, through which State Route 73 transverses, currently carries an estimated 10,000 motor vehicles per day, including but not limited to extensive school bus traffic, tourist vehicles, hospital, federal and tribal governmental traffic and heavy truck traffic from the tribal sawmill; and
- WHEREAS, the population of Whiteriver is equal to or exceeds surrounding communities off the reservation which are already enjoying the completion of their road widening and beautification projects; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is willing to donate additional rights-of-way to the State of Arizona for purposes of accomplishing the above described and numbered Whiteriver Street Project, and has already removed buildings in the path of said road construction; and

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WHEREAS, it is imperative in the interest of traffic safety to children, the elderly and persons generally, and in order to move the extensive motor vehicle traffic between Whiteriver and the tribal communities of Canyon Day, Cedar Creek, Cibecue, Hondah-McNary, and reservation border towns, that the Whiteriver street widening project be accomplished as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate construction and completion of the Whiteriver street project, the Tribal Council concludes that authorization should be delegated to Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe to negotiate the final terms and to execute any and all necessary Memorandums of Agreement with the State of Arizona, Department of Transportation, so that the Whiteriver Street Project may be expedited; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further agrees that the Whiteriver Streets Project should also be extended with additional funding from ADOT to include construction of turnoffs to the Cradle Board Housing Development and Whiteriver Indian Health Service Hospital, and that the road widening and improvement should eventually extend from the turnoff to the Alchesay Fish Hatchery on Route 73 south to the Kinishba turnoff in the tribal community of Canyon Day, and that the foregoing extensions are considered as a priority by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council requests that the ADOT also set aside funds to widen and improve Route 73 from Canyon Day to Carrizo Junction to serve the communities of Whiteriver, Canyon Day, Cedar Creek, Carrizo and Cibecue, and to provide safe access for tribal members, tourists, visitors and employees of said communities and to enhance reservation economic development.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the State of Arizona Department of Transportation Board to utilize its good offices to expedite the design phase and construction of Whiteriver streets project No. 73-NA-337/H)69204C.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby sets as a high priority the widening and extension of the above described Whiteriver Streets Project including turnoffs to the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Hospital and Cradle Board Housing Project on Route 73, to fully extending widening of the roads from the turnoff to the Alchesay Fish Hatchery to the Kinishba turnoff at Canyon Day community, and to widen and improve Route 73 from Canyon Day to Carrizo Junction.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe to negotiate the final terms of a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Arizona, Department of Transportation, in respect to the Whiteriver Street Project, and any addendum or additional Memorandum of Agreement which may become necessary for construction of the Whiteriver Indian Health Service Hospital turnoff, Cradle Board turnoff, widening of Route 73 to the Alchesay Fish Hatchery turnoff, south to the Kinishba turnoff at Canyon Day and from Canyon Day to Carrizo Junction.

The foregoing resolution was on January 31, 1991, duly adopted by a vote of ten for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (a) (b) (h) (i) (j) (k) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council

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