

**Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council  
Resolution 04-01**

**A Joint Resolution of the Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council and  
the Arizona State Transportation Board  
Regarding the Establishment of Arizona's Rural Consultation Process**

In 1998, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century amended ISTEA by requiring states to consult with non-metropolitan local officials in statewide transportation planning and programming processes. The Arizona Department of Transportation has responsibility for over 5,000 miles of the State Highway System that serves Arizona's 13 rural counties and 64 rural communities. This multi-modal transportation system plays a critical role in providing for statewide mobility and supporting the economy of rural Arizona.

WHEREAS, the ADOT and Arizona State Transportation Board have responsibility to plan, design, construct and maintain the State Highway System; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials from throughout rural Arizona developed a recommended rural consultation process seeking greater input in the State's planning and programming processes; and

WHEREAS, ADOT has embraced those recommendations for the establishment of the rural consultation process; and

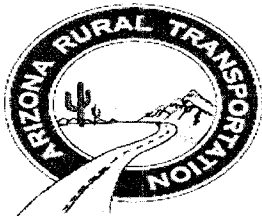
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council and Arizona State Transportation Board do formally establish Arizona's Rural Consultation Process that will build upon Arizona's long tradition of partnership between rural Arizona and the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Passed and adopted by the Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council and the Arizona State Transportation Board on this 16th day of January 2004.

Bob Rivera, Chairman  
Arizona Rural Transportation  
Advocacy Council

Ingo Radicke,  
Chairman Arizona State Transportation  
Board

Attest:



Victor Mendez,  
Director Arizona Department of  
Transportation

