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Ms. Tara Chief  
Transportation Director  
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**Subject: Excellence in Advancing Sustainable Project Development (EASPD) Award**

**Projects: State Route 73 Partnering**  
H8678 Fort Apache - Locust Streets 73 GI 330 H8678 01C  
H8926 Pedestrian Crossing 73 NA 339 H8926 01C  
T0059 Frontage Road 000 GI IWM T0059 01C

Dear Ms. Chief:

Through the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Sustainable Transportation Program, the State Engineer's Office approved the introduction of an award process for sustainable program and project implementation to advance exemplary efforts within ADOT's planning, design, development, and maintenance areas. The award also recognizes efforts by our Tribal Government and Local Public Agency partners.

The Award Committee considers three components: the project's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Infrastructure Voluntary Evaluation Sustainability Tool (INVEST) scores, the listed project's contributing best management practices, and stakeholder collaborative efforts. The award committee noted five areas of high achievement:

- Context Sensitive Project Development
- Linking Planning and NEPA
- Construction Waste Management
- Integrated Planning: Social - supportive of the community's vision and goals
- White Mountain Apache (WMAT) / ADOT partnering achievements to deliver these projects

I wanted to extend my gratitude for your efforts that went above and beyond as is recognized through this award. In addition, this effort will be featured in ADOT's nationally released 2018 annual sustainable transportation report for FHWA. As an award recipient we anticipate this will set the groundwork for others to go above and beyond and continue the quality work the White Mountain Apache Tribe sustainable transportation effort represents.

Sincerely,



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