

December 17, 2013

The Honorable Jan Brewer &
Members of the Legislature
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer & State Legislators,

Since 2001, over \$1.7 billion has been diverted from Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) to pay for other government programs. Now is the time to stop these transfers.

When HURF funds are properly invested in transportation projects, it provides jobs; it improves our state and local infrastructure and makes Arizona more competitive with other states. Taxpayers have a right to expect their gas tax and other vehicle-related revenues to be used for transportation improvements.

Arizona's unique and strategic location provides tremendous opportunities for economic growth through interstate and international trade. Our competitiveness will be closely tied to the ability to move commerce through the state efficiently. Infrastructure investment leads to economic expansion.

ADOT has determined that there is a \$63 billion funding gap between needs and revenues just on the state system. This year, due to the shrinking funding levels, \$350 million in planned projects and maintenance activity were eliminated from the five-year highway program. Local road systems in cities, towns and counties, which also rely heavily on HURF, are facing comparable trends.

While much of the funding shortfall can be directly attributed to the growing inadequacy of current revenue streams and the need to modernize how we pay for our roads and highways, legislative transfers have significantly contributed to the problem. To help boost our economic competitiveness and improve the everyday lives of our citizens, we urge you to eliminate the fund sweeps and return to the statutory funding formula distribution of HURF revenues to ADOT, counties, cities and towns.

Sincerely,
(See Attached Signatures)

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