

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Opposing Any Proposed Alignment of the Federal Highway Administration and Arizona**  
**Department of Transportation's Proposed North-South Corridor and State Route 24**  
**Projects that Disturb or Negatively Affect O'odham Traditional Cultural Places)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-513**

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation ("Nation") and their ancestors, the Archaic and**  
2 **Hohokam peoples have inhabited Southern Arizona since time immemorial;**  
3 **and**

4 **WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Tohono O'odham Nation to promote "enjoyable harmony**  
5 **between members of the [N]ation and their environment," and to preserve "its**  
6 **historic and cultural artifacts and archeological sites" as well as "preserve and**  
7 **cultivate native arts, crafts and traditions" (Constitution, Article VI, Section**  
8 **1(c)(8) and Article XVIII, Section 1); and**

9 **WHEREAS, it is also the Nation's policy "to seek the return to the Tohono O'odham Nation of**  
10 **lands and natural resources, including minerals and water rights, within or**  
11 **adjacent to the Tohono O'odham Nation, or which originally were a part of the**  
12 **historic Papagueria." (Constitution, Article XVI, Section 9); and**

13 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council enacted an Archaeological Resources**  
14 **Protection Ordinance (Ordinance No. 06-84) for the protection and preservation**  
15 **of cultural resources associated with traditional and sacred values and beliefs**  
16 **important to the Tohono O'odham and of the physical site, location, or context**  
17 **in which cultural resources are found; and**

18 **WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT") and Federal Highway**  
19 **Administration ("FHWA") are conducting a study, known as the North-South**  
20 **Corridor Study ("NSCS"), in the area between U.S. Route 60 in Apache Junction**  
21 **and Interstate 10 near Eloy and Picacho; and**

22 **WHEREAS, the purpose of the NSCS is to identify and evaluate possible routes to provide a**  
23 **connection between the U.S. Route 60 in Apache Junction and Interstate 10 and**  
24 **that will result in the preparation of a Location/Design Concept Report ("L/DCR")**  
25 **and an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") for a proposed 45-mile-long**  
26 **transportation corridor in Pinal County; and**

27 **WHEREAS, in 2014, ADOT and FHWA conducted Alternatives Selection Report Public**  
28 **Information Meetings and received comments on proposed alignments for the**  
29 **NSCS; and**

30 **WHEREAS, traditional cultural property studies have identified Frogtown (Ancestral**  
31 **Homeland for the Village of Anegam), the Escalante Site Group, Tankai (Poston**  
32 **Butte) and the Adamsville Ruin as traditional cultural properties significant to**

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the Tohono O'odham Nation, which would be adversely affected by the current proposed alignments; and

**WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham community of Florence Village and its traditional cemetery may be affected by the proposed North-South Corridor; and**

**WHEREAS, elders have visited all of the above-listed traditional cultural properties; and**

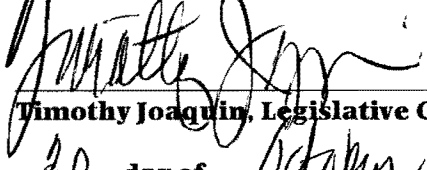
**WHEREAS, the Sif Oidak District Council, by Resolution No. SODC 16-116, opposed the current proposed alignment through Frog Town and requests the Legislative Council exercise authority to protect all O'odham ancestral homelands; and**

**WHEREAS, the Legislative Cultural Preservation and Agricultural and Natural Resources Committees strongly recommend opposing any proposed alignments for the North-South Corridor and State Route 24 projects that disturb or negatively affect O'odham traditional cultural places, specifically Frogtown, Escalante Site Group, Tankai (Poston Butte), the Adamsville Ruin and Florence Village traditional cultural places, and requests that the FHWA and ADOT change the proposed alignments of the North-South Corridor and State Route 24 projects to avoid O'odham traditional cultural places.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council strongly opposes any proposed alignments for the North-South Corridor and State Route 24 projects that disturb or negatively affect O'odham traditional cultural places, specifically Frogtown, Escalante Site Group, Tankai (Poston Butte), the Adamsville Ruin and Florence Village traditional cultural places, and requests that the FHWA and ADOT change the proposed alignments of the North-South Corridor and State Route 24 projects to avoid O'odham traditional cultural places.**

**The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 19<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2016 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,021.4 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(8), Article XVIII, Section 1, and Article XVI, Section 9 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

**TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**



**Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman**

**20 day of October, 2016**

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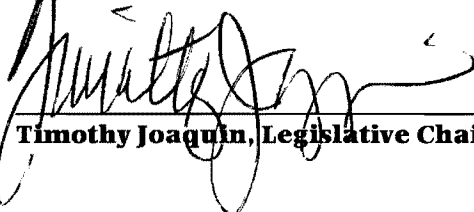
ATTEST:

  
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Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

20 day of October, 2016

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 20 day of October, 2016 at 4:49 o'clock, P.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

**TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**


  
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Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 20 day of October, 2016

DISAPPROVED

at 6:15 o'clock, P.m.

  
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EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 21 day of

October, 2016, at 8:16 o'clock, A.m.

  
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Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: OPPOSING ANY PROPOSED ALIGNMENT OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PROPOSED NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR AND STATE ROUTE 24 PROJECTS THAT DISTURB OR NEGATIVELY AFFECT O'ODHAM TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PLACES**

**Moved: COUNCILWOMAN MARY LOPEZ**

**Second: COUNCILWOMAN LUCINDA ALLEN**

**DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2016**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 367.2	1. FRANCES MIGUEL ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Roberta E. Harvey) ( <i>Present</i> )	183.60	X			
	2. VERNON J. SMITH (Gloria Zazueta)	183.60	X			
CHUKUT KUK 332.1	1. ETHEL GARCIA ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Marlakay K. Henry) ( <i>Present</i> )	166.05	X			X
	2. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Vicenti)	166.05	X			
GU ACHI 265.0	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Louis L. Johnson) ( <i>Present</i> )	132.50	X			
	2. LORETTA LEWIS ( )	132.50	X			
GU VO 250.6	1. GRACE MANUEL (Dallas Lewis)	125.30	X			
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)	125.30	X			
HICKIWAN 205.8	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	102.90	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ( )	102.90	X			
PISINEMO 219.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE ( )	109.95	X			X
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ( )	109.95	X			
SAN LUCY 226.5	1. DIANA MANUEL ( )	113.25	X			
	2. JANA MONTANA (Gloria Ramirez)	113.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 228.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	114.30	X			X
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER (Olivia Villegas-Liston)	114.30	X			
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. ( )	90.30	X			
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	90.30	X			
SELLS 513.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Beverly Rivas)	256.75	X			
	2. BARBARA HAVIER ( )	256.75	X			
SIF Oidak 231.6	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Nicholas Jose)	115.80	X			
	2. MARY LOPEZ ( )	115.80	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,021.4</b>	<b>3,021.4</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[03]</b>