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RESOLUTION**OF THE WESTERN AGENCY ROADS COMMITTEE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A JOINT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF NAVAJO COUNTY, AND THE HOPI TRIBE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT.****WHEREAS:**

1. The Western Navajo Agency Roads Committee (WNARC) consists of eighteen (18) chapters and is established to analyze needs, goals, and determine relevant roads development and improvement consistent to the Navajo Nation laws, rules, and regulations; and
2. Pursuant to 25 CFR subpart 170.4a, the WNARC is entrusted to select and prioritize roads construction activities concerning Indian Reservation Road (IRR) activities as it pertains to the Navajo Nation; and
3. The WNARC recognized, on February 17, 2009, the President signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA"), which includes a new Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery ("TIGER") competitive grant program with \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT") for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure with national or regional significance; and
4. The WNARC also recognizes projects eligible for TIGER grant funding must be completed by February 17, 2012, have an overall financing package with federal funds not to exceed \$300 million, and maximize job creation and economic benefit; and
5. The WNARC also recognizes on June 17, 2009, the U.S. DOT published a final notice of funding availability, project selection criteria and application requirements for submitting TIGER grant applications, which are due September 15, 2009; and
6. The WNARC also recognizes the primary TIGER grant selection criteria are Long-term Outcomes (State of Good Repair, Economic Competitiveness, Livability, Sustainability and Safety) and Job Creation and Stimulus; and
7. The WNARC also recognizes the secondary TIGER grant selection criteria are Innovation and Partnership; and
8. The WNARC also recognizes Navajo County officials, in partnership with officials of the Hopi Tribe, have developed an innovative joint project to construct BIA H-60 in order to

link the Low Mountain, Whipperwill, and Pinion Communities to State Route 264 , and to build associated bridges; and

9. The WNARC also recognizes the Board of Supervisors finds that the Project would satisfy the primary and secondary selection criteria of the TIGER grant opportunity, stimulate economic activity and development, significantly improve transportation infrastructure in the area, and generally improve the quality of life for residents and visitors; and
10. The WNARC also recognizes the Hopi transportation Committee and Hopi Tribal Council have expressed their willingness to cooperate with Navajo County in making the Project a reality and their approval for Navajo County to submit a joint TIGER grant application on their behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

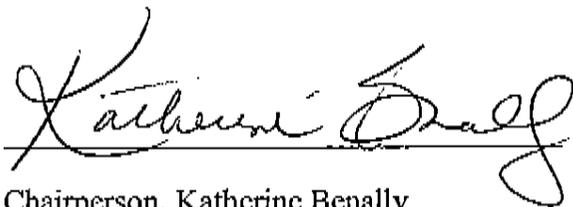
1. The Western Navajo Agency Roads Committee hereby expresses its strong support for the Project and its commitment to work cooperatively with the Hopi Tribe toward the goal of making the Project a reality; and
2. The Western Navajo Agency Roads Committee hereby approves the submission of a joint grant application for the Project under the federal TIGER program by the due date of September 15, 2009, with the understanding that the Hopi Tribe will serve as the lead agency and point of contact for all matters pertaining to the grant application.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Western Navajo Agency Roads Committee at a duly called meeting at the Shonto Chapter, Navajo Nation, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, this 14th day of September, 2009.

Motioned: Larry Goodman

Seconded: Ernest Goatson



Chairperson, Katherine Benally