RESOLUTION PLEDGING TO COLLABORATE ON AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WHILE REAFFIRMING PLANNING COORDINATION WITH THE CENTRAL ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS, CENTRAL YAVAPAI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, PIMA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, AND SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the Joint Planning Advisory Council (JPAC) formed in 2009 for the purpose of jointly coordinating planning efforts for the greater good of the participating regions and the State of Arizona; and

Whereas, the regions that form the JPAC are represented by five metropolitan planning organizations within the Sun Corridor mega region: Central Arizona Governments (CAG), Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO), Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO); and

Whereas, according to 2017 data, these organizations, collectively, represent 86 percent of Arizona’s population and 89 percent of its sales tax collections; and

Whereas, JPAC was established to identify mutually agreed upon goals and interests, provide guidance on technical assistance and joint planning activities, and enhance the communication and cooperation among the policymakers in these regions; and

Whereas, the JPAC members convened on April 26, 2018, to identify core areas of mutual need and interest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CHAIRS OF CENTRAL ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS, CENTRAL YAVAPAI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, PIMA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, WHOM COMPRISE THE JPAC COUNCIL, IN CONSIDERATION OF THESE FACTORS, RESOLVE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1) To collaborate on the creation of a unified Sun Corridor vision that addresses common regional challenges and opportunities. These opportunities and challenges include, but may extend beyond, securing a long-term, dedicated infrastructure funding source; preparing for technological innovations and their disruptive impacts on the Sun Corridor’s transportation system, public services and the broader economy; and using each of the Sun Corridor member’s unique assets to build a stronger economy and better quality of life for residents throughout the Sun Corridor.

2) To support joint efforts to continue and enhance the Sun Corridor Economic Development for the Global Economy (EDGE) Program. These efforts may include coordination on future EDGE
events, educating regional exporters about the benefits of the program, and encouraging exporting as a key component of economic vitality in the Sun Corridor.

3) To coordinate on mega-regional freight plan. These efforts may include coordination on designating freight corridors and encouraging trade to compete more successfully for projects and funding. This can enhance quality of life throughout the Sun Corridor by improving safety and increasing economic competitiveness. Modern markets’ reliance on global supply chains makes planning coordination critical to ensuring that our transportation network performs efficiently and supports the interconnected movement of freight throughout the Sun Corridor and beyond.

4) To collaborate on data-driven decision-making in the mega-region through sharing and assisting in the development of technology, information gathering and analysis. This effort includes, but may extend beyond, expanding the capabilities and use of data viewers such as the Statewide Employment Viewer and the State Demographic Viewer and increasing the use and access to performance measures to guide planning processes. Joint efforts may include data sharing and joint trainings on new data analysis tools and interactive open data sources.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED BY THE CHAIRS OF CENTRAL ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS, CENTRAL YAVAPAI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, PIMA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND SUN CORRIDOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ON THE DATES PROVIDED BELOW:

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