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RESOLUTION NO: 022713 - UPRR

A RESOLUTION OF THE PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD CLASSIFICATION YARD AT RED ROCK AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR DIRECT THE ARIZONA STATE LAND DEPARTMENT TO AUCTION THE STATE LAND NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE PROJECT WITHIN THE NEXT SIX (6) MONTHS

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Rail Road has selected a site at Red Rock in Pinal County to establish a rail classification yard, the largest of its kind in the Southwest (the "Project");

WHEREAS, after exhaustive studies and public hearings before Pinal County Planning and Zoning Commission and this Board of Supervisors as well as additional public outreach, the Project has received the support of stakeholders, economic groups and local Cities and Towns and the Pinal County Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, the area surrounding the Project has been designated, at the request of the Arizona State Land Department, for mixed commercial, industrial and residential use in order to accommodate and maximize the expected growth surrounding the Project;

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Rail Road has submitted an application to the Arizona State Land Department to purchase, in cash, the necessary State Trust Land upon which the Project would locate;

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Land Department administers State Trust Land and is charged with making the best and highest use of State Trust Lands;

WHEREAS, a study released by the State Land Department acknowledges that commercial or industrial development of this State Trust Land and surrounding State Trust Property, absent the establishment of the Project, would not occur for at least twenty (20) years;

WHEREAS, the Project, once constructed, would constitute the first major hub of transportation based in Pinal County and provide much-needed commercial space with convenient access to both rail and highway transportation;

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is actively pursuing corporate investment and job creation in Arizona's economy and the Project would embody such investment in the State and also spur economic development of the Red Rock area at no cost to the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Rail Road's application to purchase the necessary State Trust Land has been under consideration for six (6) years with no decision having been rendered.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Pinal County Board of Supervisors continues to support the Union Pacific Rail Road and its plans for the Project; and

SECTION 2. In furtherance of such support, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors respectfully urges the Governor to support the Project and request that the Governor direct the State Land Department approve the Union Pacific Rail Road's application to purchase State Trust Land and move the requested State Trust Land to auction within the next six (6) months in order to ensure that the Union Pacific Rail Road will not abandon the Project and rescind its application to purchase State Trust Land.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Attorney