

## Arizona Department of Transportation

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The Honorable Ed Pastor U.S. House of Representatives 2465 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Raúl Grijalva U.S. House of Representatives 1440 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Harry Mitchell U.S. House of Representatives 2434 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords U.S. House of Representatives 502 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Giffords, and Congressmen Pastor, Mitchell, Grijalva:

With the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process upon us, I would like to ask your continuing support for the Phoenix-Tucson rail study. This year, we are requesting \$4 million to conduct a critical environmental review of the Phoenix-Tucson Corridor and complete a National Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Impact Statement which is an important next step in getting the Phoenix-Tucson Corridor included in the National Rail Plan.

I appreciate sharing with you the Arizona Department of Transportation's excitement at moving forward with this public transportation opportunity and look forward to working with you and your staff as the FY 2011 appropriations cycle moves forward. If you have any questions, please contact me at 602-712-7227.

Sincerely,

John S. Halikowski

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