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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Mr. William A. Ordway, Director
Arizona Department of Transportation
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Dear Bill:

We were delighted to learn of the conditional location approval of the Papago Freeway (I-10) and its Innerloop last week. This, combined with the July 1981 action of the State Legislature to provide funds for the State highways in the Phoenix urban area, sets the stage for important progress. Toward that end we would urge the Arizona Department of Transportation to move most expeditiously to construct the Papago East from 24th Street to 44th Street.

The Papago East is identified as the number one priority in the Priority Studies adopted by the MAG Regional Council. We would expect that it would remain as the top priority because of its significant importance to relieve east-west traffic problems.

We believe a great deal of time can be saved if you move forward immediately with design and right-of-way acquisition of the Papago East from 24th Street to 44th Street. We believe the concept that would permit this rapid movement would incorporate an innovative design and staged construction including a temporary signalized connection to 24th Street. This design should provide a full interchange with 32nd Street, an overcrossing at 40th Street, and a connection to 44th Street probably with a flyover for the heavy left-turn movement to the north. The temporary signalized connection at 24th Street with the ultimate grade separation and connection to the Papago (I-10) Innerloop is, we believe, the key concept that would enable you to move most rapidly forward toward construction.

There is no need for further extensive studies. We certainly believe the time is now for action to take advantage of the funding provided by the State Legislature and to utilize the large amounts of right-of-way already purchased by ADOT for the Papago East. The concept presented is a commonly used one of a temporary connection which would allow adequate time for completing the ultimate design of the full interchange connection to the Papago Innerloop, while at the same time providing a badly needed facility for the public several years ahead of other approaches.

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We would appreciate it if you would present this request to the Transportation Board with an appeal for action to assist the City of Phoenix by providing this needed service as rapidly as possible.

Sincerely,

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