

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2022

AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REQUESTING THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO UTILIZE STATE REVENUE SOURCES, AND FEDERAL REVENUE SOURCES TO PRIORITIZE THE STUDY, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE QUERINO BRIDGE IN NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA, APACHE COUNTY NEAR INTERSTATE 40 AND HOUCK COMMUNITY

BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight of land, environmental protection and cultural resources and authority to review and recommend resolutions to the Naabik'íyáti Committee and Navajo Nation Council to accomplish or impact the Resources and Development Committee purpose. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9), 500(C), and 501(B)(4)(a).
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with authority to review and continually monitor the programs and activities of federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relationships between the Navajo Nation and such departments. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9), 700(A), 701(A)(7).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Querino Canyon Bridge is picturesquely situated over a rugged and beautiful canyon just outside Houck, Arizona. Designed by the Arizona Highway Department; the bridge is a representative example of early highway truss design: 77 feet long, 20 feet wide, and comprised of a concrete-decked steel trestle with three Pratt deck trusses supported by steel piers. Concrete abutments support the bridge from below and steel lattice guardrails typical of the period line the roadway. The State built the bridge in 1929 as part of a grand rehabilitation and relocation of Route 66 across northern Arizona. The project included several bridges, drainage construction, and at least 25 miles of roadway. The largest of these multiple efforts, the bridge over Querino Canyon formed

an integral link on one of America's primary arteries. This section of the highway became a county road during the 1960s after construction of Interstate 40. The Querino Canyon Bridge remains intact, carrying local traffic on Navajo Nation land. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. The Querino Canyon Bridge crosses Querino Canyon 3.8 miles southwest of Houck, AZ as part of Old Highway 66; (see <https://www.nps.gov/places/querino-canyon-bridge.htm>); and

- B. The Querino Canyon Bridge is used by the Navajo people, Arizona residents, tourists, Houck Chapter residents, nearby Navajo chapter residents, and nearby communities.
- C. The State of Arizona utilizes the following funding sources for road studies, and to maintain and construct roads throughout the State:
 - 1. Annual State Operating and Capital budgets to fund programs, services, and infrastructure - such as education, public health and safety, roads and bridges; and
 - 2. State Transportation Funds composed of revenue from excise tax, gasoline and use-fuel taxes, motor-carrier taxes, vehicle-license taxes, motor vehicle registration fees, and other miscellaneous fees; and
 - 3. State bonds issued to cover large infrastructure projects; and
 - 4. Federal highway funds for the construction of Arizona highways, roads and streets; and
- D. The State of Arizona received federal funds, which include the following Acts:
 - 1. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (2020), which, at Title V, § 5001, entitled "Coronavirus Relief Fund," and
 - 2. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub L. No. 117-2 also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or American Rescue Plan, (March 11, 2021), and
 - 3. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 (2021), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF) or Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal (November 15, 2021); and

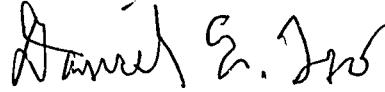
- E. Roads throughout the Navajo Nation is a very important infrastructure for the safety of all residents within and near to the Navajo Nation, tourists traveling throughout the Navajo Nation, commercial vehicles traveling within and throughout the Navajo Nation, all businesses (retail, commercial and industrial) and their development throughout the Navajo Nation, Navajo, communities, Navajo chapters, and the Navajo people who utilize the roads for life necessities (food, medicine, wood for home heating, water hauling, health and elderly care, education, etc.). The Navajo Nation is 27,000 square miles and roads are an important infrastructure for the Navajo Nation and the Navajo people; and
- F. On May 20, 2022, Honorable Delegate Raymond Smith, Jr., Honorable Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., and Apache County Supervisor Dist. 2 Alton Joe Shepherd, testified at Arizona's State Transportation Public Hearing and Board Meeting, which was held in person or via telephonic or Webex, and requested funds to replace the Querino Bridge, (See:<https://aztransportationboard.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2022/07/arizona-state-transportation-board-agenda-220715.pdf>); and
- G. By a letter dated May 19, 2022, Apache County Supervisor Dist. 2 Alton Joe Shepherd requested federal assistance to U.S. Senator Kyrsten Sinema for federal funds to refurbish or replace the Querino Bridge, the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and
- H. It is in the best interest of the Houck Chapter, Tse Si Ani (Lupton) Chapter, Nahata Dził, Fort Defiance Agency, surrounding Navajo chapters and communities, the Navajo Nation, and the Navajo people that the Navajo Nation requests the State of Arizona to utilize state revenue sources, and federal revenue sources to prioritize the study, design and construction of the Querino Bridge in northeastern Arizona, Apache County, near Interstate 40 and the Houck Community.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

The Navajo Nation hereby requests the State of Arizona to utilize state revenue sources, and federal revenue sources to prioritize the study, design and construction of the Querino Bridge in northeastern Arizona, Apache County, near Interstate 40 and the Houck Community.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 18 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 10th day of November 2022.



Honorable Daniel E. Tso, Chairman Pro Tem
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

11/10/22
Date

Motion: Honorable Eugene Tso

Second: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka

Chairman Pro Tem Daniel E. Tso not voting



APACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 2

ALTON JOE SHEPHERD



May 19, 2022

Senator Kyrsten Sinema
3333 E. Camelback Rd, Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85018

RE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Dear Honorable Senator Sinema,

Ya'ateeh. I am writing to request assistance to seek federal funding to refurbish or replace the Querino Bridge, Structural Number 08071 as listed in the national bridge inventory. The bridge is located in northeastern Arizona, Apache County near Interstate 40 & Houck community. The bridge is part of County Road 7250 and is a segment of the old Route 66. The bridge was built in the 1930's and spans 270' over the Querino Canyon. ADOT performs bi-annual inspections with the last inspection being in July of 2020, the last inspection yielded a sufficiently rating of 19.30 and a Bridge Condition rating of poor. See attachment of report. The bridge is listed with the National Historic Preservation.

The community of Houck is very concerned about the safety of the bridge as each time the I-40 has a backup or an accident occur, the freeway traffic finds its way across the Querino bridge. The semi-truck traffic weighing 26-40 tons exceeds the recommended bridge capacity. Although the bridge is signed with a 3 ton weight limit, intended for passenger cars. Diverted freeway traffic inevitably finds its way across the bridge. The potential for a serious collapse is great and the mental and emotional stress posed from the community members is great, your intervention on this issue is urgently needed.

Apache County District 2 is committed to working together with the Navajo Nation Government, Houck Chapter Government in find a solution to this challenge. We are asking your help in passing legislation to provide federal funding for the preservation of this historic bridge. Please feel free to contact me or my staff, Flora Nez, Chief of Staff at my Ganado office, 928-755-3881, fnez@co.apache.az.us, for any additional information. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Alton Joe Shepherd
Apache County Supervisor Dist. 2

Attachment-Structure Inventory Appraisal

Cc:Apache County D2 File
Ferrin Crosby, Apache County Engineer
Raymond Smith, Navajo Nation Council Delegate
Fred Footracer, Houck Chapter President

"Better Roads, Better Communities"

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BRIDGE GROUP

Structure Inventory and Appraisal

Structure Number: 08071		Structure Name: Querino Canyon Br		Feature Under: Querino Canyon	
Route: 0	M/P: 0	Road Name: IRR Old US 66	Agency: Apache Co	Location: 3.0 mi NE of Cedar Pt TI	

LOCATION INFORMATION		DIMENSIONS		PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS	
N1-State Code:	049	N32-Appr Rdwy Wdth (feet):	18	N75-Type of Work:	31 1
N2-State Hwy District:	Northeast	N46-Max Span Length (feet):	77	N76-Length of Str Imp (feet):	301
N3-County Code:	Apache	N49-Structure Length (feet):	269	N94-Br Improv Cost (x1000):	\$381
N4-Place Code:	Unknown	N50a-Lt Curb/Swkh Width (feet):	0.4	N95-Rdwy Improv Cost (x1000):	\$185
N16-Latitude:	35 Deg 16 Min 20.00 Sec	N50b-Rt Curb/Swkh Width (feet):	0.4	N96-Total Project Cost (x1000):	\$1151
N17-Longitude:	109 Deg 15 Min 70.00 Sec	N51-Br Width Curb-Curb (feet):	20.0	N97-Year of Cost Estimate:	2020
N99-Border St Code - % Resp:		N52-Deck Width Out-Out (feet):	21.1	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DATA	
N99-Border Bridge Number:		N112-NB-S Br Length?	Y	N27-Year Built:	1921
INVENTORY ROUTE DATA		VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL CLEARANCE		N105-Year of Reconstruction:	
N19-Debar Length (miles):	6	N53-Min Vert Over Ctr (feet):	99.99	A204-Orig Project Number:	FAP 63-A
N70-Tot:	3	N54-Min Vert Under Ctr (feet):	N 0.00	A705-Orig Project Station:	2055+19.93
ROADWAY RECORD ON UNDER		N55-Min Lat Under Ctr Rt (feet):	N 0.0	A223-TRACS Number:	
N5-Inv Rte 1 4 0 03000 0		N56-Min Lat Under Ctr Lt (feet):	0.0	A225-Deck Area (sq. feet):	5576
N28-Lanes:	2 C	SERVICE, TYPE, and SPAN INFORMATION		INSPECTION	
N10-Inv Rte Min Vert Ctr (feet):	99.99	N42-Service Type:	1 5	N90-Inspection Date:	06/01/2020
N11-Inv Rte Milepoint:	0.00	N43-Str Type: Man	3 9	N91-Insp Freq (months):	24
N26-Functional Class:	07	N44-Str Type: Appr	0 0	A207-Inspection Quarter:	3
N79-Avg Daily Traffic:	500	N45-Number of Main Spans:	5	Inspection Type:	FC In-Depth
N30-Year of ADT:	2012	N46-Number of Appr Spans:	0	A228-Next Insp Date:	June 2022
N47-Inv Rte Tot Horiz Ctr (feet):	20.0	CONDITION RATINGS		CRITICAL FEATURES	
N0-Defense Hwy:	0	N58-Deck:	6	N92A-Fracture Critical:	Y 24
N1-Paralel Bridge:	N	N59-Superstructure:	6	N92B-Underwater Insp:	N
N102-Direction of Traffic:	2	N60-Substructure:	4	N92C-Special Insp:	N
N105-Hwy System:	0	N51-Channel:	7	N93A-Date Fract Crt Insp:	06/01/2020
N109-Percent Truck Traffic:	1	N62-Culvert:	N	N93B-Date Underwater Insp:	
N110-National Truck Network:	0	APPRAISAL RATINGS		N93C-Date Spec Insp:	
N114-Future ADT:	510	N57-Struct Evaluation:	2	A234-Struct In-Depth Insp Freq(months):	24
N115-Year of Future ADT:	2032	N68-Deck Geometry:	3	CULVERT INFORMATION	
A200-Is NS the Prim. Rte?	Y	N59-Underclearance Rtg:	N	A217-Culv Barrel Height (feet):	0
RESPONSIBILITY		N71-Waterway Adequacy:	6	A218-Culv Length (feet):	0
N21-Maint Responsibility:	02	N72-Appr Rdw Align:	6	A219-Culv Fill Height (feet):	0
N22-Bridge Owner:	02	N36-Traffic Safety Features:	0 0 0 0	BRIDGE RAILING	
A229-Agency:	Apache Co	BRIDGE SCOUR DATA		A206a b.c- Bridge Rail Type: 600 Geometric Conform, and Structural Conform	
NAVIGATION		N113-Scour Critical Rtg:	3	SUFFICIENCY RATING	
N38-Navigation Control:	0	A202-Foundation Type:	33	Sufficiency Rating:	S 19.30
N39-Nav Vert Ctr (feet):	0.00	A220-Found Embed (feet):	1	BRIDGE CONDITION	
N40-Nav Horiz Ctr (feet):	0.00	A221-Scour Countermeasure:	050	Bridge Condition:	Poor
N111-Nav Pier/Abut Prot:		LOAD, RATE, and POST		A300 - GENERAL COMMENTS	
N116-Nav Min Vert Ctr (feet):		N31-Design Loading:	2	A300 This is Historically significant structure and any repairs should be coordinated with the State Historical Preservation Officer	
GENERAL DATA		N41-Open, Post, Close:	P	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">08071</div>	
N33-Bridge Median:	0	N53-Method Used for Oper. Rtg:	1		
N34-Skew:	0	N54-Operating Load Rtg Factor:	7		
N35-Structure Flared:	0	N55-Method Used for Inv. Rtg:	1		
N37-Historical Significance:	1	N56-Inventor Load Rtg Factor:	3		
N107-Deck Str Type:	1	N70-Bridge Posting:	0		
N8-Wear Surf Prot System:	1 C 0	N105-Temp Str Designation:			
N1-Wear Surf Thickness (inches):		A211-Posted Limit (Tons):	3		
		A222-Date of Load Rtg:	01/20/2011		
		A233-Posted Vert Ctr NB/EB (ft-in):	0-0		
		A233-Posted Vert Ctr SB/WB (ft-in):	0-0		

NAVAJO NATION

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11/10/2022

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Regular Meeting

06:49:27 PM

Amd# to Amd#

Legislation 0212-22: Requesting

PASSED

MOT Tso, E

the State of Arizona to Utilize

SEC Wauneka, E

State Revenue Sources & Federal
Revenue Sources to Prioritize...

Yeas : 18

Nays : 0

Excused : 3

Not Voting : 2

Yea : 18

Begay, E

Daniels

Nez, R

Tso, O

Begay, K

Freeland, M

Smith

Walker, T

Begay, P

Halona, P

Stewart, W

Wauneka, E

Brown

Henio, J

Tso, E

Yellowhair

Charles-Newton

James, V

Nay : 0

Excused : 3

Slater, C

Crotty

Damon

Not Voting : 2

Tso, C

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Presiding Speaker: Tso, D