RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR SAN JUAN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING FUNDS FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLION DOLLARS AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Coalition has been evaluating potentially approving an application for San Juan County Infrastructure Planning funds for approximately 1 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has been involved in infrastructure planning throughout eastern Utah; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition desires to assist San Juan County in their infrastructure planning efforts:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Board of the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition, Utah as follows:

1. The Governing Board hereby approves the application for San Juan County Infrastructure Planning funds for approximately 1 million ($1,000,000) dollars and authorizes the Executive Director to take all actions necessary or desirable to attain such fund and advance such planning.

2. All parts of this Resolution are severable, and if any section, clause or provision of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of any such section, clause or provision shall not affect the remaining sections, clauses or provisions of this Resolution.

3. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its approval and adoption.
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this April 16, 2021

Motion by Commissioner ____________________________, and

Seconded by Commissioner __________________________.

SEVEN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION VOTING:

Carbon County Yea ___ No ___
Dagget County Yea ___ No ___
Duchesne County Yea ___ No ___
Emery County Yea ___ No ___
San Juan County Yea ___ No ___
Sevier County Yea ___ No ___
Uintah County Yea ___ No ___

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Co-Chair Casey Hopes

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Co-Chair Greg Miles

(COALITION SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Heather Hoyt
NAVajo MOUNTAIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION | CONCEPT PLANNING
May 18, 2021

The transportation system in southern San Juan County and the remainder of the Four Corners area is sparse and limited, requiring the public to travel extremely long distances to access services. The region is extremely remote, with long distances between communities and destinations. Expanded transportation infrastructure in the Navajo Mountain region would improve transportation efficiency, drive economic growth, create corridors that could be used for multiple utilities, improve emergency response times, and significantly improve the quality of life.

1. Background Information Gathering
   a. Compile all prior studies
      - State
      - County
      - Navajo Nation
      - SCIC
      - Other
   b. GIS base mapping
      i. Verify best available public domain mapping for early analyses
      ii. Utilities
      iii. Water rights

2. Stakeholder Coordination
   a. Roles and responsibilities
   b. Monthly stakeholder meetings
   c. Communication Plan
   d. Outreach and public involvement planning

3. Conceptual Engineering Analyses
   a. Navajo Mountain to Oljato route (east/west) alternatives
   b. Connection and bridge across the San Juan River (north/south) route alternatives
   c. Constructability analyses
      - Water
      - Materials
      - Housing Logistics
   d. Contractor procurement process recommendations
   e. Geotechnical feasibility study and recommendations
   f. Corridor aerial mapping
   g. Twice-monthly technical coordination meetings
4. Right-of-Way Planning
   a. Evaluation of right-of-way (ROW) status
   b. Outline of processes to receive ROW for all corridors
   c. Corridor efficiency considerations (accommodate other utilities, etc.)

5. Environmental Planning
   a. Outline of environmental processes

6. Strategic Communications
   a. Tell the project’s story, provide correct information, and educate the public and stakeholders

7. Probable Capital Costs
   a. Update probable costs for all project phases

8. Funding Considerations
   a. Outline of all available funding opportunities
   b. Partnership development

9. Project Delivery Plan and Recommendations

Estimated Cost:
The Utah Navajo Water Settlement is still in the process of working its way through the federal funding process. It was approved by the US Senate and is awaiting approval by the House of Representatives. The settlement includes $220 million and approximately 85,000 acre-feet of water right.

Initial studies were completed by the Navajo Nation and State of Utah in 2010 to define the need. The study is over 10 years old and should be updated based on current needs and construction market conditions. The outline listed below identifies the steps required to update.

1. Gather Existing Information and Studies
   a. US BOR Regional Water Supply Studies
   b. Review existing Brown & Caldwell report and prepare list of projects for Utah Chapters
   c. Navajo Utah Chapters Water Plan
   d. Gather information from UNTF, UNDC

2. Review Water Settlement Project Type Eligibility
   a. Research and develop agricultural projects

3. Stakeholder Coordination
   a. Identify Stakeholders
   b. Chapter coordination
   c. Roles and responsibilities
   d. Monthly stakeholder meetings
   e. Communication Plan
   f. Outreach and public involvement planning

4. Evaluate Potential Projects
   a. All chapters addressed in the 2010 study
   b. Navajo Mountain Chapter projects (excluded from 2010 study)
   c. Engineering modeling and analyses
   d. Updated probable costs
Estimated Cost:

The scope of work is extensive. It will provide decision makers the information necessary to be educated and confident in their decisions. The estimated cost of the planning effort is $500,000.