



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, authorizing the submission of an application to the Gila River Indian Community in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the design and engineering of Rail Siding for the Amtrak Station Relocation Project. Discussion and Action.

The passage of Proposition 202 by the Voters of Arizona in November 2000 set the stage for new gaming compacts between the State and the respective tribes. An important provision of Proposition was the sharing of gaming revenues with the State. A portion of the revenue to be shared can be retained by an Indian tribe and distributed itself. Proposition 202 allows an Indian tribe to make twelve percent (12%) of its total annual contribution in the following form: Distributions to cities, towns, or counties for government services that benefit the general public, including public safety, mitigation of the impacts of gaming, or promotion of commerce and economic development.

The Gila River Indian Community has decided to exercise its option to retain and administer the 12 percent of State-shared revenue itself.

The Community Council's policy is to generally limit distributions to nearby cities, towns and counties but retain some flexibility to consider more distant but special situations.

- The priority areas the Community will initially concentrate funding on are:
 - Public Safety (police, fire, EMS)
 - Transportation Facilities
 - Health Care Services
 - Economic Development
 - Education

In addition to these priority areas, the Community reserves the right to utilize its discretion in funding special programs and projects not included in the above listing, for example, the Community could also invite a particular city, town or county to submit an application for a mutually negotiated project.

Maricopa's project for the grant application is the design and engineering phase for the Rail Siding of the Relocation of Amtrak's Maricopa Station. The Amtrak station is located immediately northeast of the SR 347-UPRR crossing. This is Amtrak's key station serving central Arizona including the Phoenix area. The Amtrak loading platform is located approximately 120 feet east of the SR 347 crossing and will need to be relocated as part of the overall project because the current location will be used as an area to locate structural fill to raise the elevation of the road with respect to the Union Pacific Rail Road.

Staff recommends passing a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Gila River Indian Community in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the design and engineering of Rail Siding for the Amtrak Station Relocation Project.