



# City of Maricopa

## Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Department of Transportation and the City of Maricopa concerning the ownership, jurisdiction, and perpetual maintenance of State Route 238, authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement and authorizing city employees to perform all necessary acts related to the purpose of the agreement. Discussion and Action.

State Route 238 has long served as an important State Route to connect the Phoenix Metropolitan Area to tourism destinations beyond its own, with many Phoenixians using the route on their way to San Diego. As development has begun to occur along this stretch, particularly over the last ten years, the City of Maricopa is seeing its own boon of destination tourism along this adventure corridor.

Similar to State Route 347, State Route 238 is a key to the future success and growth of Maricopa. With the increased growth along the route comes the increased complexities of managing access to the businesses and neighborhoods that rely upon State Route 238 for their livelihood and success. To this point, the City of Maricopa has not been able to manage these access points, the look and feel of the roadway, the amount and location of sidewalks, traffic signal timing, nor any similar aspects of the roadway that would enhance the area and improve the quality of life for our residents. Today, these are all managed by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

IGA 22-0008746-I, between the ADOT and the City of Maricopa, would transfer the ownership, jurisdiction, and perpetual maintenance of State Route 238 to the City of Maricopa. Following the approval by the City Council, the IGA would go before the State Transportation Board at its meeting on September 16th. That meeting will be held in the Maricopa Council Chambers. If approved by the State Transportation Board, the City would then take ownership of the roadway, in the timeline discussed in the IGA.

The IGA would allow the City to set its own course for growth, access, landscaping, maintenance, and signal timing. While the City acknowledges that the impact may not be seen immediately, it will dramatically improve the area in the long-run. Development projects will move forward faster and more efficiently, as stalled projects will no longer be required to go through the lengthy permitting process that ADOT requires, but instead, these projects will work with City planning and engineering staff to ensure they meet locally-established development and engineering standards. Ownership of the roadway would also allow Maricopa to plan for its future, allowing future connections and potential future bypasses of State Route 347 that can help relieve the heavy congestion on that route. Achieving ownership and jurisdiction of State Route 238 will better enable the City of Maricopa to develop the adventure corridor, manage truck traffic, and plan for future accesses that will benefit the city and improve quality of life.

The City will manage the increased maintenance and other costs associated with the ownership of the roadway under its existing operating budget authority.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve the Resolution.