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### **Tobin & Campbell, time to restore reductions in HURF funding**

*Transportation spending will help bring recovery to all parts of state*

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives Andy Tobin, R-Prescott (District 1), and House Minority Leader Chad Campbell, D-Phoenix (District 24), asked Governor Jan Brewer to restore reductions in funding for transportation infrastructure, critical to rural Arizona.

“Faced with more than a \$3 billion dollar budget shortfall in 2010, tough choices had to be made,” Tobin said. “But after two years of delivering a balanced budget that also deflected cuts from key areas like education, now is the time to restore reductions in HURF funding for roads and bridges.”

The Highway User Revenue Fund is the main source of revenue to fund improvements and maintenance of the state’s roads, highways and bridges, Tobin said.

“And those dollars are particularly missed or felt in many rural communities around the state,” Tobin added.

In the letter, Tobin and Campbell requested that the governor restore \$238 million to HURF during fiscal years 2015 and 2016, in addition to existing HURF revenues. The Legislature diverted money from HURF during the recent fiscal crisis to offset cuts in other priority areas.

“Restoring HURF will help communities across our state repair streets and roads that were neglected at the height of the financial crisis,” Campbell said.

Investing in the state’s transportation infrastructure will help bring the recovery to all parts of the state, Tobin said.