Executive Order 2005-16

Establishing the Arizona Rides Council

WHEREAS, Presidential Executive Order No. 13330, signed on February 24, 2004, established the United We Ride (UWR) initiative and the Interagency Transportation Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM); and

WHEREAS, the UWR initiative addresses the coordination of 62 federal programs that provide assistance for human services transportation to states, cities, and towns, and other agencies where inefficiencies and service gaps exist; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Executive Order No. 13330 also requires federal agencies to improve human service transportation coordination for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with lower incomes; and

WHEREAS, building on Presidential Executive Order No. 13330 and UWR, Arizona has established an "Arizona Rides" initiative to provide assistance to Arizona local governments and human service agencies in coordinating human services transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration recently awarded Arizona a grant to assist in the development of a statewide coordination action plan; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has a strong commitment to providing public transportation to persons with disabilities, older adults and low-income families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, Arizona recognizes that strengthening coordination between state agencies will provide better service delivery to individuals receiving these services, reduce duplication of effort between programs, and create government efficiencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. There is hereby established an "Arizona Rides" Council (the "Council") to develop a statewide coordination action plan and conduct related activities with respect to the following goals:

    a. Establishing relationships between state, federal, and local entities to achieve a coordinated approach to human services transportation in Arizona;

    b. Building knowledge of successful approaches to coordinated human services transportation that can be used to promote increased coordination in Arizona communities;

c. Increasing communication and collaboration between state agencies in order to efficiently disseminate federal transportation and human services funds;

d. Developing an initial state action plan by December 30, 2005.

2. Members of the Council shall be appointed by, and serve without compensation at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, or his designee, shall chair the Council. In addition, representatives from at least the following entities shall serve on the Council:

Arizona Department of Health Services
Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
Arizona Department of Corrections
Arizona Councils of Governments
Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Governor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

Done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 6th day of July in the Year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE