Executive Order 2008– 02

Statewide Transportation Plan
(Supersedes Executive Order 2007-02)

WHEREAS, Arizona has led the nation in the rate of population growth over the past forty years and expects to double its population from just over six million residents to twelve million within the next several decades; and

WHEREAS, the state's past and future growth poses significant challenges to our infrastructure, including specifically, our transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the increasing hours Arizonans spend in traffic as our state continues to grow amounts to a "time tax" that reduces productivity, commerce, and time spent with family; and

WHEREAS, Arizona citizens' quality of life depends on how and where we direct new growth, revitalize our existing communities and preserve key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, developing a comprehensive, statewide transportation system that includes a balance of transportation options (highways, rail and bus transit, critical local streets, pedestrian / bicycle facilities), and integrating that system with both existing and planned development, is essential to create a more sustainable economy and environment, limit greenhouse gas emissions, meet our current demands for transportation infrastructure and prepare for our future infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, regional transportation planning entities, transit organizations, tribal governments, land management agencies, conservation groups and business and community leaders are working with the Arizona Department of Transportation and the State Transportation Board to formulate a Statewide Transportation Framework Plan that includes transportation alternatives and integrates them with land use and economic planning and development; and

WHEREAS, this important effort must continue and proceed expeditiously in order to produce regional Transportation Framework Plans in every area within Arizona, rural and urban, to meet our state's transportation needs;

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

1. The Arizona Department of Transportation shall continue working with the Growth Cabinet, the State Transportation Board, regional transportation planning entities, transit organizations, tribal governments, land management agencies, conservation groups and business and community leaders to produce: a) by early Spring 2008, a draft list of critical transportation needs and representative projects

to bring about sustainable development patterns through the year 2030; b) by late Spring 2008, a consensus-based final list of needs and representative projects; and c) by the end of 2008, final Regional Transportation Framework Plans that will include the short- and long-range transportation projects necessary to further sustainable development patterns through the year 2050.

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

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ___ day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE