

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 38

2 47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY WAYS TO
12 MITIGATE FLOODING AND ACCESS INTERSTATE 40 IN THE EAST HASLER
13 VALLEY CORRIDOR IN MCKINLEY COUNTY.

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15 WHEREAS, the primary means of access to highways for
16 residents in Churchrock, White Cliffs and other communities and
17 chapters near Superman canyon road in the east Hasler valley
18 corridor in McKinley county has been declared unsafe and is
19 regularly flooded; and

20 WHEREAS, the department of transportation has both the
21 means and the expertise to study both flooding and the best
22 means of accessing interstate 40 for these communities; and

23 WHEREAS, a study of best alternatives for crossing
24 interstate 40 would benefit the communities and the state; and

25 WHEREAS, a study encompassing best alternatives for

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1 crossing railroads, pipelines and the Rio Puerco arroyo is
2 needed; and

3 WHEREAS, a study with a particular focus on flood
4 mitigation and prevention of future flooding for the current
5 access could help both the communities and the state;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be
8 requested to conduct a study of means to mitigate current
9 flooding and prevent future flooding, the feasibility of
10 varying access points for interstate 40 and development of road
11 systems in the east Hasler valley corridor in McKinley county;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of
14 transportation consult with the Army corps of engineers to
15 study access and flooding in the area; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department report its
17 findings to the McKinley county road superintendent and staff
18 and the interim Indian affairs committee by September 1, 2006;
19 and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the secretary of transportation.