

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE STATE'S CURRENT AND FUTURE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE FUNDING STRATEGIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the department of transportation has experienced increased construction costs attributed to inflation of materials, including fuel, steel, concrete, asphalt and petroleum products that are used in highway projects; and

WHEREAS, inflation of these same material costs affect the ongoing maintenance efforts for the highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, an additional three thousand new lane miles of highway have been added to the state highway system in the last two years; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state are increasingly dependent on alternative modes of public transportation; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for federal aid construction projects is significantly less than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the state road fund revenue is not growing at a rate comparable to the cost of inflation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of transportation be requested to appoint a technical

committee whose members shall include representatives of the department of transportation, New Mexico division of the federal highway administration, associated contractors of New Mexico, American council of engineering companies of New Mexico, New Mexico passenger transportation association, regional planning organizations, municipal planning organizations and other transportation and aviation associations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the technical committee be requested to develop data and information regarding influences on the future outlook of transportation in New Mexico and alternative funding strategies to be available for use by decision-makers to aid in addressing sustainable transportation systems for New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of this study be submitted to the governor and the legislature no later than October 15, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the secretary of transportation and the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation.