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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TAKE ALL  
ACTIONS NECESSARY TO OPEN PASEO DEL NORTE IN ALBUQUERQUE TO  
TRUCK TRAFFIC.

WHEREAS, the number of roads that cross the Rio Grande in  
Albuquerque is severely limited; and

WHEREAS, paseo del norte is a state highway and is one of  
the few major thoroughfares in Albuquerque to cross the Rio  
Grande; and

WHEREAS, residents and businesses on both sides of the Rio  
Grande rely on trucks to transport goods across the river; and

WHEREAS, access by truck traffic to the west side of  
Albuquerque is important to the New Mexico economy; and

WHEREAS, a settlement agreement negotiated in 1985  
purports to forever ban trucks weighing over five tons from

1 using paseo del norte; and

2 WHEREAS, the significant growth of the west side of  
3 Albuquerque has increased truck traffic across the Rio Grande  
4 dramatically since 1985; and

5 WHEREAS, prohibiting truck traffic on paseo del norte  
6 increases truck traffic on Alameda boulevard and other roads  
7 that cross the Rio Grande; and

8 WHEREAS, the substantial increased truck use of alternate  
9 routes across the Rio Grande places an unfair burden on the  
10 residents and businesses that adjoin those alternate routes;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be  
13 requested to take all actions necessary to open paseo del norte  
14 in Albuquerque to truck traffic, including renegotiating the  
15 1985 settlement agreement that prohibited truck use of paseo  
16 del norte and seeking to re-open the underlying lawsuit, and to  
17 invalidate provisions of the agreement that prohibit truck  
18 traffic on paseo del norte in perpetuity; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the secretary of transportation and the  
21 governor.