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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 55

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A MUNICIPAL ROAD MAINTENANCE TASK
FORCE TO INVESTIGATE EQUITABLE WAYS OF PROVIDING FOR THE
MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES.**

**WHEREAS, the department of transportation has limited
funding to address the maintenance needs of all state highways
for which it has maintenance responsibility; and**

**WHEREAS, the annual cost to the department of
transportation for routine maintenance of approximately seven
hundred twenty miles of state highway that are located within
the boundaries of municipalities is estimated to be more than
two million dollars (\$2,000,000); and**

**WHEREAS, municipalities should be increasingly
responsible for the maintenance of state highways that are
located within their boundaries;**

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to appoint
3 a municipal road maintenance task force, whose members shall
4 include representatives of the department of transportation,
5 the New Mexico association of counties, the New Mexico
6 municipal league, the regional planning organizations and the
7 municipal planning organizations; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
9 designate the department of transportation to provide
10 administrative support to the municipal road maintenance task
11 force and that the task force prepare a report to the governor
12 and legislature that provides information regarding the
13 mileage of, state of the maintenance of and traffic load
14 extent on state highways within the boundaries of
15 municipalities; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the municipal road
17 maintenance task force be requested to investigate ways in
18 which the responsibility for maintaining and improving state
19 highways within the boundaries of municipalities might
20 equitably be transferred to an appropriate degree to
21 municipalities rather than the department of transportation;
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the municipal road
24 maintenance task force present its report to the governor and
25 to the appropriate interim legislative committees by October

1 1, 2007; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of transportation,
4 the president of the New Mexico association of counties, the
5 executive director of the New Mexico municipal league, each of
6 the regional planning organizations and each of the municipal
7 planning organizations.

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