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SENATE MEMORIAL 56

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND MEASURES FOR NEW MEXICO STATE HIGHWAY 14 BETWEEN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 25 AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 40; REQUESTING A REPORT.

WHEREAS, New Mexico state highway 14 between interstate highway 25 and interstate highway 40 is a two-lane country road with long stretches where visibility makes it unsafe or illegal to pass a slow-moving vehicle; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico state highway 14 between interstate highway 25 and interstate highway 40 has very long, steep gradients, one of which is a two-mile descent into the village of Madrid; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico state highway 14 serves as both a main street and a residential street as it winds through the village

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1 of Madrid; and

2 WHEREAS, in the village of Madrid, a number of popular
3 bars, restaurants and small shops line New Mexico state highway
4 14; and

5 WHEREAS, there are no sidewalks with curbs in the village
6 of Madrid, and residents and tourists tend to wander back and
7 forth across the street as they decide where to shop, eat or
8 have a drink; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico state highway 14 between interstate
10 highway 25 and interstate highway 40 also runs through the
11 communities of Cedar Crest, Los Cerrillos, Golden, Lone Butte,
12 San Marcos and Sandia Park; and

13 WHEREAS, large, heavy freight trucks regularly use New
14 Mexico state highway 14 between interstate highway 25 and
15 interstate highway 40, and this traffic is projected to
16 increase; and

17 WHEREAS, there are particular public safety concerns
18 related to the entrance into Madrid from the south. On many
19 occasions, witnesses have seen heavy freight trucks making the
20 two-mile descent into town that have not been able to reduce
21 their speed to the posted limit of twenty miles an hour; and

22 WHEREAS, a fatal crash in Madrid on September 21, 2016
23 underscored the risk of heavy freight trucks losing control as
24 they enter the town;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be
2 requested to study the options for roadway improvements or
3 other measures to increase public safety and decrease fatal
4 accidents along New Mexico state highway 14 between interstate
5 highway 25 and interstate highway 40 and present a report of
6 its conclusions to the appropriate legislative interim
7 committee prior to that committee's final meeting in 2018; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the department of transportation and to the
10 following community organizations registered with Santa Fe
11 county: the Cerrillos Hills Park coalition; the San Marcos
12 association; the Turquoise Trail community association; and the
13 Turquoise Trail regional alliance.