

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01 (JAN)**

**DEDICATING THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF NM 522, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH US 64  
IN TAOS COUNTY NORTH TO THE NEW MEXICO/COLORADO STATE LINE,  
AS THE "SENATOR CARLOS R. CISNEROS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"**

WHEREAS, Carlos R. Cisneros was born on May 13, 1948 in Questa, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Questa High School in 1968, Carlos R. Cisneros worked as miner for the Molycorp Mine near Questa, New Mexico. He also attended New Mexico Highlands University and the University of Montana-Missoula. He went on to hold many positions at the mine and eventually served as Human Resources Manager and Development Advisor; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years Carlos R. Cisneros served as president of the mine employees' union, Local 4-659 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers; and

WHEREAS, from 1984-1985, Carlos R. Cisneros served on the Taos County Board of County Commissioners. He also served as a Board Trustee of the Kit Carson Electric Cooperative and a board member of Taos County Community Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, Carlos R. Cisneros was first appointed to the New Mexico Senate in July 1985. He was thereafter elected to the New Mexico Senate in 1988, and continuously served the people of Senate District 6 for thirty-four (34) years until he passed away on September 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, during Senator Cisneros' long and distinguished tenure in the New Mexico Legislature, he served as Vice Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Chair of the Conservation Committee, Chair of the Education Committee, Chair of the interim Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee, Chair of the Water and Natural Resources Committee, and as a member of numerous other standing and interim committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cisneros' dedicated advocacy, expertise in capital outlay and budget matters, and extensive knowledge of state government earned him the respect of his colleagues in both the House and Senate, on both sides of the aisle; and

WHEREAS, during the 2020 Regular Session of the New Mexico Legislature, the Senate passed Senate Memorial 45 requesting the State Transportation Commission dedicate the entire length of NM 522, from its junction with US 64 in Taos County to the New Mexico/Colorado state line, as the "Senator Carlos R. Cisneros Memorial Highway"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cisneros will long be remembered by the citizens of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Taos and Mora Counties and the State of New Mexico for his decades of public service and as a leader in the Senate, who served with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Transportation Commission wishes to create a permanent reminder to honor Senator Cisneros and to memorialize the contributions that he made while serving

the people of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Taos and Mora Counties and the State of New Mexico; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE NEW MEXICO STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION recognizes and honors Senator Cisneros for his outstanding service to the people of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Taos and Mora Counties and the State of New Mexico as a State and local leader; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entire length of NM 522, from its junction with US 64 in Taos County north to the New Mexico/Colorado state line, shall hereafter be known as the "Senator Carlos R. Cisneros Memorial Highway"; and

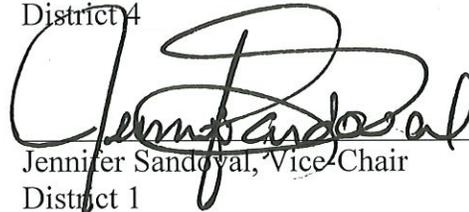
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator Cisneros' family.

ADOPTED BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION IN OPEN MEETING ON January 6, 2022.



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Walter G. Adams, Chairman  
District 4



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Jennifer Sandoval, Vice-Chair  
District 1

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District 6

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District 2



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