Resolution of Doña Ana County

Resolution No. 2014-85

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL VEHICULAR ACCESS TO SPACEPORT AMERICA FROM DOÑA ANA COUNTY

WHEREAS, support for economic development is a primary means by which the State of New Mexico seeks to improve the well being of all New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, Spaceport America is a regional economic development project created and developed with support from the Governor of New Mexico, New Mexico State Legislature, Board of Commissioners for Doña Ana and Sierra Counties, and the majority of voters in Doña Ana and Sierra Counties; and

WHEREAS, all funding for the financing, planning, designing, engineering and construction of Spaceport America is being provided by a "County Regional Spaceport Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)" that is being paid by the residents of Doña Ana and Sierra Counties; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of funding for Spaceport America is being provided by the taxpayers of Doña Ana County; and

WHEREAS, business opportunities between Spaceport America and Doña Ana County are contingent on full vehicular access to Spaceport America by traffic to and from Doña Ana County; and

WHEREAS, full vehicular access to Spaceport America requires both an interchange at Upham Road and I-25 that would accommodate tour buses and oversized commercial vehicles traveling either north or south on the interstate as well an all-weather paved highway (South Road) from that interchange to Spaceport America—neither one of which have been designed, funded or built some seven years after authorization of the spaceport; and

WHEREAS, successful development of Spaceport America will benefit all New Mexicans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners does hereby:

1. Petition the Governor of New Mexico to direct the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to prepare the necessary studies, designs, construction documents, and funding requests necessary for construction of an interchange at Upham Road and I-25—said interchange to be sized and configured to accommodate tour buses and oversized commercial vehicles traveling in either direction on I-25; and

2. Petition both the Governor of New Mexico and the New Mexico State Legislature to support acceptance of the South Road as a state highway, in which capacity it is to be completed as an all-weather paved highway and duly maintained; and

3. Request that both the interchange and South Road be completed at the earliest time possible in order to support successful operation of Spaceport America and to capitalize on on-going public investment in this endeavor.

AND FURTHERMORE that the Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners does hereby call upon businesses, business organizations, governmental entities, and elected officials from throughout the region to join in this petition.

RESOLVED this 12th day of August 2014

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEAL DONA ANA COUNTY NEW MEXICO

Billy G. Garrett, Chair District 1 — For / Against

Wayne D. Hancock, Vice-Chair, District 4 — For / Against

Dr. David Garcia, District 2 — For / Against

Benjamin L. Rawson, District 3 — For / Against

Leticia Duarte Benavidez, District 5 — For / Against

ATTEST:

Lynn J. Ellins
County Clerk

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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office,
Lynn J. Ellins, County Clerk, Dona Ana, NM

Deputy Rafael Garcia