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1 transportation program and the federal hazard elimination  
2 program to pay for non-construction costs aimed at reducing  
3 injuries and deaths from motor vehicle accidents and to resolve  
4 safety problems at hazardous locations and roads that  
5 constitute a danger to motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, decreases in fatalities among pedestrians and  
8 bicyclists are more often attributable to students walking and  
9 riding bicycles less and riding in cars more often; and

10 WHEREAS, the surgeon general observed that seventy-eight  
11 percent of children are not active enough; one in five children  
12 is overweight or at risk of becoming overweight; and one in  
13 three teenagers is overweight or at risk of becoming  
14 overweight; and

15 WHEREAS, safer routes to school can provide the ability to  
16 increase pedestrian and bicycle traffic to help students get  
17 more regular exercise;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation  
20 department be requested to direct more of its efforts and  
21 federal funding on improving bicycle and pedestrian access and  
22 on traffic-calming projects in school zones rather than simply  
23 building and widening intersections; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and  
25 transportation department work with its bicycle, pedestrian and

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1 equestrian committee, with school districts and law enforcement  
2 agencies and with parents, teachers and school administrators  
3 to develop innovative programs and initiatives to create safe  
4 routes to school; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and  
6 transportation department present its findings and  
7 recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative  
8 committee by October 30, 2003; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the state highway and transportation department.