

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPLORE AND
3 UTILIZE LANE DELINEATION TECHNIQUES WITHIN BERNALILLO COUNTY
4 THAT WILL ENHANCE THE VISIBILITY AND REFLECTIVITY OF THE ROAD
5 STRIPES IN ALL CLIMATE CONDITIONS.

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7 WHEREAS, the department of transportation maintains an
8 estimated eleven thousand miles of road, of which nine
9 hundred twelve lane miles of interstate highway are within
10 Bernalillo county; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico experiences a wide range of climate
12 conditions, from very bright sunshine to snow blizzards; and

13 WHEREAS, the range of climate conditions can cause poor
14 visibility of the traffic lane delineations; and

15 WHEREAS, the interstate 40 corridor through the
16 Albuquerque metropolitan area has experienced significant
17 growth in traffic volume, ranging from an average daily
18 traffic volume of fifty thousand to one hundred forty
19 thousand vehicles per day; and

20 WHEREAS, an estimated forty percent of the volume of
21 traffic is due to heavy commercial vehicles; and

22 WHEREAS, the department of transportation has invested
23 approximately one billion seven hundred million dollars
24 (\$1,700,000,000) in the interstate 40 corridor in Bernalillo
25 county over the last twelve years to upgrade capacity and

1 facilitate the movement of goods and services; and

2 WHEREAS, the growing traffic volume is creating periods
3 of congestion on the interstate; and

4 WHEREAS, the growing congestion is resulting in
5 increased motorist travel time with excessive delays; and

6 WHEREAS, the combination of increased traffic and
7 congestion with the low visibility of lane delineation can
8 potentially decrease the efficient movement of traffic;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be
11 requested to explore and utilize lane delineation techniques
12 within Bernalillo county that will enhance the visibility and
13 reflectivity of the road stripes in all climate conditions;
14 and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of
16 transportation begin studies, analyses and management
17 strategies to efficiently manage the capacity of interstate
18 40 through Bernalillo county to include managed lanes and
19 ramp metering; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the secretary of transportation and the
22 mid-region council of governments.

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