

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE MEMORIAL 89

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ASSIST VALENCIA
COUNTY TO IDENTIFY FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY OVERPASS ON STATE ROUTE 109 NEAR
JARALES IN VALENCIA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, state route 109 provides ingress to and egress
from the south-central part of Valencia county for hundreds of
residents of Valencia county; and

WHEREAS, state route 109 intersects with the
transcontinental rail line; and

WHEREAS, vehicular traffic on state route 109 exceeds two
thousand four hundred vehicle trips per day; and

WHEREAS, the vehicular traffic on state route 109
experiences an average of nine hours per day of delay because
of the one hundred ten trains per day that cross the

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1 intersection with state route 109; and

2 WHEREAS, delays to the motoring public and emergency
3 responders pose a significant threat to the health, safety and
4 welfare of those who use state route 109; and

5 WHEREAS, a grade-separated intersection would provide
6 uninterrupted traffic flow for passenger vehicles, emergency
7 vehicles and trains; and

8 WHEREAS, the department of transportation has conducted an
9 analysis of this crossing and agrees that a railway overpass
10 would significantly reduce traffic congestion on state route
11 109; and

12 WHEREAS, no known federal, state or local funding is
13 currently available to design and construct a railway overpass
14 on state route 109;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
17 of transportation be requested to assist Valencia county to
18 identify potential funding sources for the design and
19 construction of an overpass over the BNSF railroad on state
20 route 109 just south of Lazy lane near Jarales in Valencia
21 county; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of transportation,
24 the Valencia county commission and the Valencia county manager.