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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM A

TRAFFIC STUDY FOR THE SOUTH SAINT FRANCIS DRIVE-WEST ZIA ROAD

INTERSECTION IN SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, Saint Francis drive in Santa Fe, a major

thoroughfare through the city, which becomes United States

highway 84/285 north, is under the control of the department of

transportation; and

WHEREAS, west Zia road is a major east-west street in the

city, which carries traffic to several subdivisions and schools

in the area; and

WHEREAS, as main transportation arteries, these roads have

a high daily volume of traffic; and

WHEREAS, the railroad tracks for the New Mexico rail

runner express are on west Zia road, just a few feet west of

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1   Saint Francis drive-west Zia road intersection; and

2   WHEREAS, the New Mexico rail runner express' scheduled

3   train runs often coincide with times of intensified use of both

4   of these major roads at the beginning and end of work days, and

5   its blockage of east-west traffic affects the movement of

6   traffic on Saint Francis drive;

7   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

8   OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be

9   requested to provide a traffic study of the intersection of

10   Saint Francis drive and west Zia road for current traffic

11   conditions and projected twenty-year traffic conditions; and

12   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the traffic study include a

13   signal timing analysis, particularly in relation to the New

14   Mexico rail runner express, and an intersection geometric

15   improvement analysis for improved operations and safety; and

16   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

17   transmitted to the department of transportation.

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