

1 A MEMORIAL
2 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ASSESS BLOCKED
3 TRAIN CROSSING TIMES ACROSS THE STATE AND MAKE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS TO LIMIT BLOCKED CROSSING TIMES.
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6 WHEREAS, New Mexico's rail lines are a critical
7 component of the movement of goods, and freight trains
8 frequently cross roads across the state, which can cause
9 congestion; and

10 WHEREAS, train crossings can be blocked for up to thirty
11 minutes at a time, which presents access and safety issues,
12 particularly to rural New Mexicans; and

13 WHEREAS, assessment and action are needed to determine
14 blocked crossing times across the state and what action can
15 be taken to reduce those times;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
18 department of transportation be requested to assess blocked
19 train crossing times across the state and work with rail
20 providers statewide to propose operational changes to limit
21 blocked crossing times; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of
23 transportation be requested to confer with railroad services
24 using each crossing and unions representing employees of
25 those railroads; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of
2 transportation be requested to report its findings and
3 conclusions to the appropriate interim committees that study
4 transportation by September 1, 2025; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the secretary of transportation for appropriate
7 distribution. _____

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