

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO
RECONSTRUCT GURLEY DRIVE IN GALLUP TO EASE CONGESTION AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO GALLUP BRANCH.

WHEREAS, Gurley drive is the only access into or exit
from the university of New Mexico Gallup branch; and

WHEREAS, the original road was developed thirty years
ago and has been resurfaced only once in that time; and

WHEREAS, there are no pedestrian walkways, no curbs or
gutters and little lighting along Gurley drive; and

WHEREAS, deep trenches have formed from erosion along
the roadway and at the intersection with Boardman road; and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico Gallup branch
serves three thousand five hundred students each semester,
and each student must use Gurley drive to enter and leave the
school; and

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1 WHEREAS, traffic becomes extremely congested and
2 dangerous for pedestrians and cars turning at the
3 intersection onto campus; and

4 WHEREAS, a jogging trail on the university of New Mexico
5 Gallup branch is heavily used by local Gallup residents, and
6 crossing Gurley drive is so perilous that residents often
7 complain to the administration; and

8 WHEREAS, the school is concerned about its liability for
9 accidents and mishaps that may occur due to the congestion
10 and disrepair of Gurley drive;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation
13 department and the members of the state highway commission be
14 requested to prioritize Gurley drive and work with the
15 administration of the university of New Mexico Gallup branch
16 to develop a plan to reconstruct Gurley drive, identify a
17 funding source to reconstruct and improve Gurley drive and
18 make Gurley drive safe for the students and faculty of the
19 university of New Mexico Gallup branch and the residents of
20 Gallup; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the secretary of highway and transportation,
23 the members of the state highway commission and the director
24 of the university of New Mexico Gallup branch.
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