

SENATE MEMORIAL 19

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

SUPPORTING AN INTERCHANGE ON INTERSTATE 25 AT RICHARDS AVENUE
IN SANTA FE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Richards avenue in Santa Fe county is the
primary access to the Santa Fe community college and area
housing from the county and city of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, Richards avenue has been heavily impacted by
rapid growth, in particular from Santa Fe community college,
which has increased enrollment at a rate of nine percent in
the last year; and

WHEREAS, the enrollment increase at Santa Fe community
college is expected to continue, with additional traffic to
be added by the fall 2000 opening of the institute of
American Indian arts (IAIA) as well as housing, church-
related and other institutional development in the area; and

WHEREAS, Richards avenue has become increasingly

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1 dangerous to students and other drivers as traffic increases
2 and road capacity is used; and

3 WHEREAS, an interchange on interstate 25 with a widened
4 bridge over Richards avenue will improve access to Santa Fe
5 community college, IAIA and other development and will allow
6 for a four-lane road, greatly improving safety on the road;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, improvements to the interstate system are
9 funded through the state highway and transportation
10 department; and

11 WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department
12 sets six-year funding priorities in the state transportation
13 improvement plan;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway commission be
16 urged to include the Richards avenue-interstate 25
17 interchange project in the state transportation improvement
18 plan; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and
20 transportation department take all actions necessary to move
21 this project toward design, construction and completion; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the state highway commission.