

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 3

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - 2ND SPECIAL SESSION, 2000

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO HELP ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEMS IN THE CITY OF ESPANOLA AND TO INSTALL TWO TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY OF ESPANOLA.

WHEREAS, the city of Espanola is experiencing economic growth that has created severe traffic congestion at the intersection of state road 68 at Riverside drive, and La Joya drive; and

WHEREAS, the opening of the Wal-Mart super store and the Walgreens super store and the use of state road 68 by heavy industrial vehicles cause additional stress on the main arterial by compounding heavy traffic patterns, which increases the possibility of automobile accidents; and

WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department has appropriated two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to provide a right turning traffic lane at state

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1 road 68 and La Joya drive, which will provide necessary
2 ingress and egress at this intersection; and

3 WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department
4 recognizes the need to provide and install traffic signals at
5 the intersection of state road 76 and state road 583 at South
6 McCurdy road for the safety of the citizens of the Espanola
7 valley; and

8 WHEREAS, increased traffic at the intersection of state
9 road 76 and state road 583 has been the cause of thirty-three
10 automobile accidents since 1995; and

11 WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department
12 recognizes the need to provide and install traffic signals at
13 the intersection of state road 291 at El Llano road and
14 Fairview road extension by Espanola high school for the
15 safety of the citizens of the Espanola valley, and more
16 importantly, for the safety of the students of the Espanola
17 valley; and

18 WHEREAS, the result of increased traffic at the
19 intersection of state road 291 and Fairview road extension
20 has been the cause of twenty-seven automobile accidents; and

21 WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department
22 has funds available from its school bus safety route program
23 to install traffic signals at the intersections of state
24 roads 76 and 583 and state road 291 and Fairview road
25 extension;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation

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1 department be requested to alleviate traffic congestion
2 problems in the city of Espanola by installing traffic
3 signals at the intersections of state roads 76 and 583 and
4 state road 291 and Fairview road extension; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and
6 transportation department make every effort to provide
7 ingress and egress, such as traffic signals, at the
8 intersection of state road 68 and La Joya drive to provide
9 less congestion and a safer intersection; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and
11 transportation department support the intent of this memorial
12 and the city of Espanola and seek alternative routes to
13 provide relief at the intersection of state road 68 and La
14 Joya drive; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and
16 transportation department provide sufficient funding from its
17 school bus safety route program for the installation of two
18 traffic signals and for alternative driving routes at all the
19 locations mentioned in this memorial; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the secretary of highway and transportation,
22 the district 5 engineer of the state highway and
23 transportation department and the mayor of the city of
24 Espanola.
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