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49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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FOR THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A CONTINUATION OF THE 2008 REVIEW OF THE STATE'S
CURRENT AND FUTURE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE
FUNDING STRATEGIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, in 2008, House Memorial 35 was approved and a
committee was formed to identify appropriate funding strategies
for a sustainable transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the committee formed pursuant to House Memorial
35 convened numerous times in 2008 and provided valuable input
to the legislature regarding transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, problems and concerns that were studied by the
committee are serious and ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the department of transportation continues to
experience increased construction costs attributed to inflation
of materials, including fuel, steel, concrete, asphalt and

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1 petroleum products, that are used in highway projects; and

2 WHEREAS, inflation of these same material costs continues
3 to affect the ongoing maintenance efforts for the highway
4 infrastructure; and

5 WHEREAS, the residents of the state are increasingly
6 dependent on alternative modes of public transportation; and

7 WHEREAS, federal funding for federal aid construction
8 projects remains significantly less than anticipated; and

9 WHEREAS, the state road fund revenue is not growing at a
10 rate comparable to the cost of inflation;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary
13 of transportation be requested to appoint a technical committee
14 whose members shall include representatives of the department
15 of transportation, New Mexico division of the federal highway
16 administration, associated contractors of New Mexico, American
17 council of engineering companies of New Mexico, New Mexico
18 passenger transportation association, regional planning
19 organizations, municipal planning organizations and other
20 transportation and aviation associations; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the technical committee be
22 requested to develop data and information regarding influences
23 on the future outlook of transportation in New Mexico and
24 alternative funding strategies to be available for use by
25 decision-makers to aid in addressing sustainable transportation

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1 systems for New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the technical committee also
3 study tying together land use and transportation improvements
4 to provide for anticipated growth in jobs and housing while
5 reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of this study be
7 submitted to the governor and the legislature no later than
8 November 15, 2009; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of transportation
11 and the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation.

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