

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE  
3 FEASIBILITY OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE UNSER BOULEVARD CORRIDOR  
4 THROUGH NORTHWEST BERNALILLO COUNTY FROM PARADISE BOULEVARD  
5 TO IRVING BOULEVARD TO INCREASE THE SAFETY OF VEHICULAR AND  
6 PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND REDUCE RELATED RISKS.

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8 WHEREAS, Unser boulevard, stretching from New Mexico  
9 highway 550 to Dennis Chavez boulevard in southwest  
10 Albuquerque and running through northwest Albuquerque from  
11 Paradise boulevard to Irving boulevard, is a main  
12 thoroughfare in Bernalillo county that carries people to  
13 their places of work, business districts, stores, government  
14 and service facilities and geological and ancient cultural  
15 monuments and trails; and

16 WHEREAS, increasing volumes of heavy commercial,  
17 industrial and residential traffic along that corridor have  
18 greatly contributed to increased safety and traffic flow  
19 issues; and

20 WHEREAS, state highway projects and construction served  
21 by the corridor contribute to increased volumes of heavy  
22 equipment and construction vehicles using the corridor; and

23 WHEREAS, the heavy volume of traffic between Paradise  
24 boulevard and Irving boulevard has increased noise and  
25 disruption to residents' quality of life within residential

1 neighborhoods adjacent to the corridor and caused physical  
2 damage to barriers intended to insulate those neighborhoods;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo county  
5 have initiated several planning efforts to analyze proposed  
6 improvements to the corridor; and

7 WHEREAS, there is an opportunity for the department of  
8 transportation to leverage local planning efforts and  
9 financing to improve the corridor between Paradise boulevard  
10 and Irving boulevard for the benefit of residents and others  
11 traveling through the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo  
12 county;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the  
15 department of transportation be requested to conduct a  
16 feasibility study to identify and evaluate possible  
17 improvements to the Unser boulevard corridor through  
18 Bernalillo county, including measures that would increase  
19 safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be conducted with  
21 the involvement of the mid-region metropolitan planning  
22 organization, the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo county  
23 engineering departments, the metropolitan Albuquerque  
24 business improvement district, the mid-region council of  
25 governments and other local and regional stakeholders and

1 businesses; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be requested to  
3 propose implementation strategies, including the coordination  
4 of planning, design and construction of improvements and the  
5 development of management and operational agreements that can  
6 be used to advance traffic and safety improvement projects;  
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be requested to  
9 leverage existing studies, but that it not commence until  
10 sufficient funds have been allocated from local public and  
11 private sources to pay for the study such that the department  
12 of transportation's financial contribution will be  
13 negligible, although the department will be requested to  
14 provide technical and administrative support for the study;  
15 and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the feasibility study be  
17 presented to the appropriate interim legislative committees  
18 dealing with economic development and infrastructure issues;  
19 and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the study be  
21 submitted to the city of Albuquerque, Bernalillo county, the  
22 mid-region council of governments and the library of the  
23 legislative council service; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of transportation,

1 the executive director of the mid-region council of  
2 governments, the mayor of the city of Albuquerque and the  
3 board of county commissioners of Bernalillo county. \_\_\_\_\_

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