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42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND SAN JUAN COUNTY TO CONDUCT A  
FEASIBILITY STUDY ON NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JUNCTIONS OF  
NAVAJO ROUTES N-36 AND N-3003, STATE HIGHWAY 371 AND UNITED  
STATES HIGHWAY 666.

WHEREAS, Navajo route N-36, completed in 1993, is a new  
paved highway providing main artery access into Fruitland and  
the surrounding areas and that intersects United States highway  
666 and state highway 371; and

WHEREAS, Navajo routes N-36 and N-3003 are without  
sufficient lighting, signs, turnouts, medians for turnouts,  
turn-ins and needed bypass lanes; and

WHEREAS, use of and traffic on Navajo routes N-36 and

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1 N-3003 has increased and is projected to increase further due to  
2 the population growth in the area; and

3 WHEREAS, Navajo routes N-36 and N-3003 are used by children  
4 from elementary through college ages traveling to attend school;  
5 persons delivering meals to seniors living in the area; farmers  
6 and farm machinery; and commuters traveling to and from their  
7 places of employment; and

8 WHEREAS, inclement weather adversely affects the travel  
9 conditions existing on Navajo routes N-36 and N-3003 and  
10 emphasizes the need for enhancement and improvement of these  
11 well-used highways; and

12 WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department is  
13 well versed and advised in the improvement techniques and  
14 characteristics of highways; and

15 WHEREAS, improvements to and enhancements of Navajo routes  
16 N-36 and N-3003 will be better served and recommended after  
17 evaluation and study by the state highway and transportation  
18 department;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation  
21 department, bureau of Indian affairs and San Juan county  
22 conduct an evaluation and study of Navajo routes N-36 and  
23 N-3003, state highway 371 and United States highway 666  
24 intersections and make recommendations to the first session of  
25 the forty-third legislature identifying and estimating the cost

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1 of needed improvements to the junctions of Navajo routes N-36  
2 and N-3003, state highway 371 and United States highway 666 in  
3 view of their locations and traffic, at present and as projected  
4 in the near future; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the state highway and transportation department,  
7 the bureau of Indian affairs and the board of county  
8 commissioners of San Juan county.

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