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HOUSE MEMORIAL 31

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO HELP ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONTROL
PROBLEMS ON FAIRVIEW LANE AND THE NEED TO CONSTRUCT A RELIEF
ROUTE AROUND THE CITY OF ESPANOLA.

WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department recognizes the need to make improvements on Fairview lane due to increased traffic flow for the safety of the residents of Espanola who operate motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the increased traffic flow on Fairview lane has resulted in several accidents at the intersection of Fairview lane and New Mexico route 68 because there is inadequate ingress onto Fairview lane from New Mexico route 68 and egress from Fairview lane onto New Mexico route 68; and

WHEREAS, the city of Espanola is experiencing economic growth in and around the Fairview lane vicinity, and that

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1 growth is having significant impact on the transportation
2 network on Fairview lane and throughout the city of Espanola;
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4 WHEREAS, the opening of Wal-Mart super store, the
5 Walgreens super store and heavy industrial vehicles on the
6 roadway all cause additional stress on the main arterial of
7 Espanola by attracting or compounding heavy traffic flow and
8 increasing the possibility of personal injury; and

9 WHEREAS, these traffic issues have prompted the city of
10 Espanola to pass a resolution requesting the state highway and
11 transportation department to allow limited access onto
12 Fairview lane and New Mexico route 68, as requested by the
13 city council, to provide alternate methods of accessing this
14 arterial; and

15 WHEREAS, traffic on United States route 285-84 and New
16 Mexico route 68, also know as paseo de Onate and Riverside
17 drive, generate heavy traffic for already strained arterials
18 within the city of Espanola; and

19 WHEREAS, the increasingly heavy traffic has prompted the
20 initiative to construct a relief route on the east side of
21 Espanola; and

22 WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department
23 has set aside two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)
24 for an alignment study and environmental impact study and five
25 million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the construct of the eastside

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1 relief route; and

2 WHEREAS, the budgeted funds for the necessary studies,
3 including archaeological, environmental and environmental
4 impact studies, and construction funds for the relief route
5 construction are insufficient;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW MEXICO that the
8 state highway and transportation department be requested to
9 re-engineer the intersection of Fairview lane and New Mexico
10 route 68 to include the construction of dual left-hand turn
11 lanes for ingress onto and egress from New Mexico route 68 and
12 Fairview lane; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and
14 transportation department make a concerted and timely effort
15 to widen Fairview lane in order to provide smoother, safer and
16 less congested traffic flow; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intent of the city of
18 Espanola in seeking alternatives to access New Mexico route 68
19 and Fairview lane be supported; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and
21 transportation department provide sufficient funding for
22 necessary studies and the construction of the alternative
23 relief route with the objective that these improvements would
24 improve highway efficiency, alleviate traffic congestion and
25 improve traffic safety; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary and the district 5 engineer of the state highway and transportation department, to the state highway commission and to the city of Espanola.

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been
11 referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

17 Respectfully submitted,

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22 Daniel P. Silva, Chairman
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4 Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

6 (Chief Clerk)

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8 Date _____

10 The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 11

12 Excused: Heaton, Russell

13 Absent: None

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