

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 65

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
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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

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1 has appropriated two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
2 (\$250,000) to provide a right turning traffic lane at state  
3 road 68 and La Joya drive, which will provide necessary  
4 ingress and egress at this intersection; and

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

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

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

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

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

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1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation  
3 department be requested to alleviate traffic congestion  
4 problems in the city of Espanola by installing traffic  
5 signals at the intersections of state roads 76 and 583 and  
6 state road 291 and Fairview road extension; and

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

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

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

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

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