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45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND THE STATE HIGHWAY
AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE INTERSTATE 40-COORS
BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE PROJECT A PRIORITY.

WHEREAS, the interstate 40-Coors boulevard interchange
improvement project was scheduled to begin immediately after
the interstate 40-Carlisle project, but was delayed by the
reconstruction project known as the "Big I" project; and

WHEREAS, residential and commercial development west of
the Rio Grande has been heavy in recent years, including the
development of large retail stores and projected development of
retail stores that draw heavy vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, drivers traveling west on interstate 40 to
northbound Coors boulevard who wish to exit Coors boulevard

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1 into a large retail outlet face a difficult task as they try to
2 cross several lanes of traffic; and

3 WHEREAS, Coors boulevard is the only north-south arterial
4 that crosses Bernalillo county on the west side of the Rio
5 Grande, providing the only convenient, efficient means of
6 transportation for residents and visitors to and from work,
7 shopping, business activities and recreational activities; and

8 WHEREAS, work on the interstate 40-Coors boulevard
9 interchange has been delayed until later this decade;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway commission and the
12 state highway and transportation department be requested to
13 expedite the construction of the interstate 40-Coors boulevard
14 interchange improvement project; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the state highway commission and the secretary
17 of highway and transportation.

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