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1 successfully develop economically or to gain access to required  
2 support facilities; and

3 WHEREAS, transportation system investments provide  
4 improved mobility of New Mexico's population and visitors while  
5 protecting and promoting the cultural and physical character of  
6 its communities and terrain; and

7 WHEREAS, investments in an integrated transportation  
8 system can create a system that responds to people's travel  
9 needs, is the connection required for achieving economic  
10 prosperity and competitive viability, attracts clean industry  
11 with quality jobs, develops an educated mobile workforce with  
12 access to training and needed services and fosters small  
13 businesses and high-tech development; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico's transportation system should  
15 preserve the state's unique culture and its fragile environment  
16 as well as its highways; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico's current complex transportation  
18 system demands improved coordination and regional cooperation;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico must develop both intermodal and  
21 multimodal integrated transportation systems that are sensitive  
22 to community, regional and statewide needs;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council  
25 direct an appropriate interim legislative committee to identify

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1 strengths and weaknesses of the current New Mexico  
2 transportation system and laws pertaining to transportation and  
3 determine how they can be structured and strengthened in such a  
4 way as to promote a desirable quality of life and maintain the  
5 vital cultural character of both rural and urban communities  
6 unique to New Mexico; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative  
8 council direct the committee to determine how government  
9 actions on transportation issues can involve more public input  
10 and increased accountability; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative  
12 council direct the committee to develop a transportation policy  
13 that will improve the state's economic vitality and thereby the  
14 lives of all New Mexicans while providing for the preservation  
15 and promotion of the distinctive essence of New Mexico, its  
16 people, cultures and environments, and to educate the  
17 legislature on rural and urban transportation issues and needs;  
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the co-chairmen of the New Mexico legislative  
21 council.