

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE SANTA FE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO PERFORM A TRAFFIC STUDY FOR THE SOUTH SAINT FRANCIS DRIVE-WEST ZIA ROAD INTERSECTION IN SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, Saint Francis drive in Santa Fe, a major thoroughfare through the city, which becomes United States highway 84/285 north, is under the control of the department of transportation; and

WHEREAS, west Zia road is a major east-west street in the city, which carries traffic to several subdivisions and schools in the area; and

WHEREAS, as main transportation arteries, these roads have a high daily volume of traffic; and

WHEREAS, the railroad tracks for the New Mexico rail runner express are on west Zia road, just a few feet west of Saint Francis drive-west Zia road intersection; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico rail runner express' scheduled train runs often coincide with times of intensified use of both of these major roads at the beginning and end of work days, and its blockage of east-west traffic affects the movement of traffic on Saint Francis drive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department

of transportation and the Santa Fe metropolitan planning organization be requested to provide a traffic study of the intersection of Saint Francis drive and west Zia road for current traffic conditions and projected twenty-year traffic conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the traffic study include a signal timing analysis, particularly in relation to the New Mexico rail runner express, and an intersection geometric improvement analysis for improved operations and safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of transportation and the Santa Fe metropolitan planning organization report to the New Mexico finance authority oversight committee and the legislative finance committee by November 1, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the department of transportation and the Santa Fe metropolitan planning organization.