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SENATE MEMORIAL 31

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO GIVE PRIORITY TO CERTAIN NEEDED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, infrastructure is a vital link in the economic development master plan for New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the senate is committed to advancing the state's economic development prospects by improving the state's highway and transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department's funds may be available in fiscal year 1999 to meet these needs; and

WHEREAS, annual federal highway funding authorizations and reauthorizations result in hundreds of millions of dollars available to New Mexico for highway construction and

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1 improvements; and

2 WHEREAS, through various treaties and acts of congress,
3 the federal government has promised Indian tribes certain
4 goods and services, one of which is transportation services,
5 to serve the social and economic needs of Indian tribes; and

6 WHEREAS, Indian tribes are totally dependent on the
7 federal transportation programs for their transportation needs
8 due to federal law denying Indian tribes eligibility to
9 administer federal highway trust funds directly or to receive
10 a portion of fuel tax revenue collected on Indian reservations
11 for transportation purposes; and

12 WHEREAS, there is a critical need to improve
13 transportation services on the Indian reservations throughout
14 the United States to promote economic development, improve
15 health care, enhance education and increase employment; and

16 WHEREAS, local governments must participate with at least
17 ten percent of the costs of the projects enumerated within
18 this memorial, and these projects are contingent upon local
19 governments obtaining the required rights of way for the
20 specified projects enumerated in this memorial and upon all
21 projects being under contract by the end of fiscal year 1998;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the projects listed below are to be regarded
24 with equal priority; and

25 WHEREAS, the projects are as follows:

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A. In McKinley county:

- (1) improvements to the road to the university of New Mexico Gallup campus;
- (2) feasibility study for a bypass on the north side of Gallup;
- (3) improvements to four miles of United States highway 666 between mile markers 65 and 69;
- (4) plan, design and construct the Deer Springs road near Mexican Springs;
- (5) plan, design and construct the Coyote canyon road;
- (6) plan, design and construct the Rainbow Trail road near Panatella;
- (7) plan, design and construct the Red Willow road, N7113, near Tohatchi;
- (8) rights of way and clearances for the Pipeline road;
- (9) plan, design and construct Johnson and Tohlakai roads;
- (10) plan, design and construct Nenahnezad and San Juan chapter bus routes;
- (11) plan, design and construct Twin Lakes east road, N9659;
- (12) plan, design and construct a road between New Mexico highway 264 and Rock Springs; and

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1 (13) archaeological clearances and
2 environmental assessment of the Rio Lobo canyon road to the
3 Kerr-McGee uranium mine; and

4 B. in San Juan county:

5 (1) improvements to the San Juan chapter
6 school bus routes;

7 (2) feasibility study on widening and
8 improving the Upper Fruitland chapter road;

9 (3) complete phase 4 street lighting in the
10 community of Shiprock;

11 (4) improvements to four miles of United
12 States highway 666 between mile markers 65 and 69 in the
13 Sanostee chapter area;

14 (5) improvements to ten miles of the road
15 from the table Mesa area and area three in the Sanostee
16 chapter area;

17 (6) improve the Sanostee chapter road through
18 Hidden valley to Wheatfields;

19 (7) plan, design and construct the Crystal
20 community road;

21 (8) rights of way and clearances to county
22 road 7750 near Lake Valley;

23 (9) plan, design and construct the access
24 road and parking area at Crystal;

25 (10) rights of way and clearances for N571

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- 1 near Rattlesnake;
- 2 (11) rights of way and clearances for N5012
- 3 and N5010 from Sanostee to Mitten Rock;
- 4 (12) rights of way and clearances for N69 in
- 5 the Naschitti chapter area;
- 6 (13) plan, design and construct N9652 between
- 7 Naschitti road and White Rock;
- 8 (14) improvements to school bus routes,
- 9 including N5010, in the Sanostee chapter area;
- 10 (15) rights of way and clearances for N5031
- 11 at Hogback;
- 12 (16) plan, design and construct school bus
- 13 routes in the Nenahnezad and San Juan chapter areas;
- 14 (17) plan, design, and construct N69, the
- 15 Naschitti east loop road;
- 16 (18) plan, design and construct school bus
- 17 routes in the Naschitti area; and
- 18 (19) improvements to school bus routes in the
- 19 Red Valley area;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
21 OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation
22 department be directed to use unexpended funds from the state
23 road fund in fiscal year 1999 in the above-described manner
24 for the purposes listed herein; and

25 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 sent to the secretary of highway and transportation, each
2 member of the state highway commission, each member of the New
3 Mexico congressional delegation and the secretary of the
4 federal department of transportation.

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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23 Gloria Howes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Aragon, Gorham, Rodarte

Absent: None

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