

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2005- 22

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE TRANSIT FUND, AND INCREASE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUND

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Santa Fe ("BCC") is committed to encouraging alternative modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, public transit is key to the quality of life of and economic opportunities for New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, public transit systems work to reduce the congestion from motor vehicle traffic by providing transportation options for residents; and

WHEREAS, public transit would reduce noise and air pollution caused by motor vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, public transit would extend the life of New Mexico's existing roadways by easing their traffic burden; and

WHEREAS, it is not enough to have an efficient state highway system but, rather, it is essential that an effective, efficient public transit system be in place within counties and municipalities in order to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services; and

WHEREAS, transportation should be viewed not just as the state highway system but, rather, as a complete network of state, county, and municipal streets, roads, bridges, and transit systems; and

WHEREAS, county and municipal streets and roads make up an increasingly important component of New Mexico's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing need to establish a statewide transit fund to meet the state matching fund requirements of the federal transit administration and other federal funding agencies; and

WHEREAS, the BCC has supported other state legislation designed to expand New Mexico public transit systems; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico remains one of only three states that does not provide state funding for public transportation; and

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WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Legislature will be asked in its current session to increase the motor vehicle excise tax by 1%; and

WHEREAS, such an increase in the motor vehicle excise tax will provide adequate funding to establish a statewide transit fund as well as increase funding to the local government road fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BCC strongly supports legislation that (i) would increase the motor vehicle excise tax by 1% and (ii) mandate that the revenue generated by such a tax increase be used to establish and fund a statewide transit fund as well as increase funding to the local government road fund; and

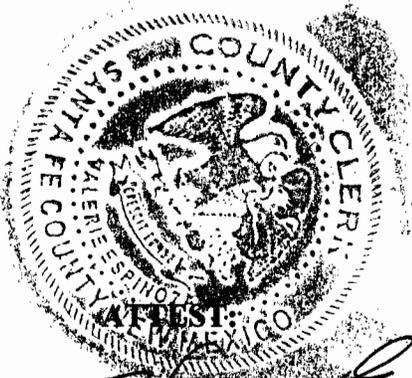
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BCC urges Santa Fe County staff, the Governor, and the New Mexico State Legislature to work together to pass such legislation for the betterment of all New Mexicans.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 22nd day of February, 2005.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED, this 22nd day of February 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael D. Anaya
Michael D. Anaya, Chairman



Valerie Espinoza
Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven Ross for
Steven Ross, County Attorney

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