

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - \_\_\_\_\_

3 COUNTY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

4 RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 38

5 INTRODUCED BY:

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10 A JOINT CITY/COUNTY RESOLUTION

11 SUPPORTING PUBLIC ACQUISITION OF THE SANTA FE SOUTHERN RAILROAD RIGHT-  
12 OF-WAY LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE  
13 BETWEEN SANTA FE AND LAMY.

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15 WHEREAS, the City and County have stated the importance of developing alternative modes of  
16 regional transportation and efficient regional land use patterns in the City General Plan and County  
17 Growth Management Plan, respectively; and

18 WHEREAS, the City and County have expressed the importance of the railroad in Santa Fe's  
19 historical development and its importance to Santa Fe's future transportation system to serve a growing  
20 community; and

21 WHEREAS, public acquisition of the railroad right-of-way will facilitate public use of the  
22 railroad for commuter rail and recreational trail purposes by city and county residents, as well as visitors;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has authorized Ten Million Dollars, with an initial  
25 appropriation of Three Million Dollars, through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century

1 for the purpose of establishing commuter rail service to be operated locally; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the City and County desire to plan for the future by enabling the eventual  
3 establishment of a commuter rail program; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Southern Railroad has expressed interest in public acquisition of the  
5 Railroad right-of-way for the purpose of establishing commuter rail service; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department commissioned a  
7 study of the Santa Fe Southern Railroad conducted by R.L. Banks & Associates that recommended  
8 "...that the public sector act sooner rather than later by seeking to purchase the corridor right-of-way and  
9 not waiting for a potential abandonment."

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11       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY**  
12 **OF SANTA FE AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY**  
13 **that:**

14       Section 1. The City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County agree to pursue public acquisition of the  
15 Santa Fe Southern Railroad right-of-way starting at the southwest corner of the St. Francis Drive/Cerrillos  
16 Road intersection and continuing south to Lamy for the purpose of initiating privately-operated  
17 commuter rail service.

18       Section 2. The City Manager and County Manager are directed to establish a staff-level  
19 commuter rail working group to meet regularly to initiate actions that include, but are not necessarily  
20 limited to, the following activities:

21       A. Determine the appropriate strategy/entity for public acquisition.

22       B. Enter into negotiations with Santa Fe Southern Railroad for public acquisition of the railroad  
23 right-of-way.

24       C. Requisition environmental assessments of the property to be considered for purchase.

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D. Requisition any necessary appraisals concerning the value of the property to be considered for purchase.

E. Draft a Joint Powers Agreement for public ownership of the railroad right-of-way and oversight of the commuter Railroad.

F. Draft an operating lease agreement for a private operator to provide commuter rail service.

G. Prepare necessary Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant applications.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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LARRY A. DELGADO, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

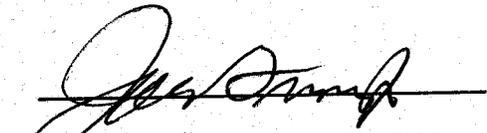
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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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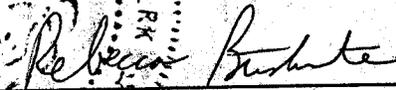
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PETER A. DWYER, CITY ATTORNEY

1 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000.

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3 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

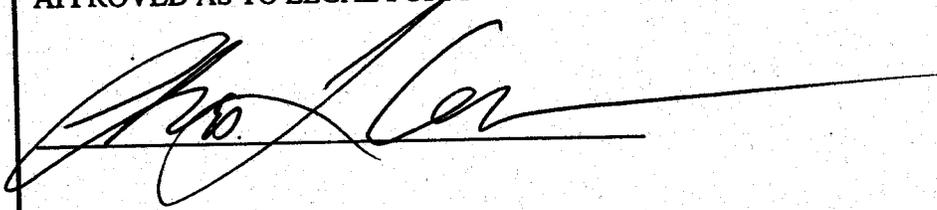
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6 JOE S. GRINE, JR., CHAIRMAN

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10 REBECCA BUSTAMANTE, COUNTY CLERK

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12 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:

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