

SANTA FE COUNTY

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Resolution No. 2003- 137

A Resolution Endorsing and Supporting Governor Bill Richardson's Investment Partnership (GRIP) For Transportation in the State of New Mexico

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2003, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, joined by the State's Secretary of Transportation, Rhonda Faught, and the New Mexico Transportation Commission announced a new bold and innovative plan to upgrade and improve highways throughout the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, this new plan is known as "GRIP" – Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the central part of GRIP is a \$1.4 billion funding program that utilizes bonding, pay-as-you-go, and other financing programs over an eight (8) year period to pay for forty-one (41) highway reconstruction projects statewide; and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson has called for a balanced approach that invests in multiple transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, since signing legislation creating the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Governor Richardson has promoted the development of a broad-based, multimode transportation plan to include light rail, commuter rail, park and ride, airport improvements, bike paths and hiking trails; and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson has stressed that the State of New Mexico's transportation decisions over the next year will impact potential economic development and the quality of life of New Mexicans for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, GRIP is a well-researched, comprehensive, statewide highway reconstruction plan that addresses the critical infrastructure needs throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, not only is GRIP a highway reconstruction plan but also an investment plan to move the State of New Mexico forward and make this State competitive economically within our region and the global economy as well; and

WHEREAS, GRIP benefits all New Mexicans from Farmington to Jal to Raton to Lordsburg; from Portales to Gallup to Chama to Las Cruces; and

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WHEREAS, virtually every county in New Mexico is touched by this plan; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners would be supportive of legislation for appropriate funding to accomplish the projects of GRIP; and

WHEREAS, according to the Road Information Project in Washington, D.C., when fully implemented, this infrastructure plan, or GRIP, will result in the creation of 63,000 new jobs in New Mexico and have an \$8.3 billion economic impact on the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS to endorse and support GRIP, Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership for transportation in the State of New Mexico.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIOENRS


Jack Sullivan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Rebecca Bustamante, Santa Fe County Clerk

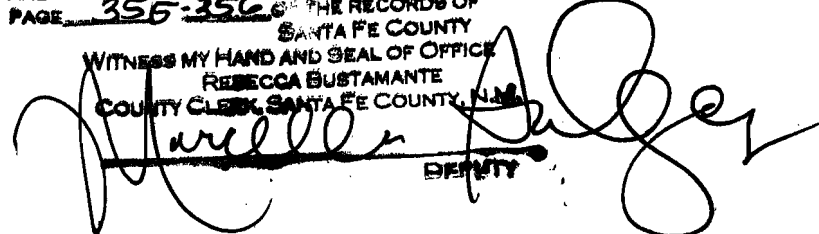
Approved as to Form:


for Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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COUNTY CLERK, SANTA FE COUNTY, N.M.


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