

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 2014 - 114

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROPOSING
WEIGHT LIMITS ON ASPHALT PAVED ROADS MAINTAINED BY SANTA FE
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County (County) has under its control certain public roads or streets within the County and in connection therewith has the right to regulate their use, prohibit injury to them, and regulate traffic on them, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 3-49-1 and § 4-37-1; and

WHEREAS, roads paved with asphalt represent a significant investment by the County, since asphalt pavement is the most expensive road construction material; and

WHEREAS, asphalt paved roads are engineered and constructed to withstand specific maximum weights on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County ("Board") has determined that certain County-maintained asphalt paved roads may be unacceptably injured unless vehicles of excessive weight are prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the County has implemented a best-management-practice pavement preservation system; and

WHEREAS, County records do not always reflect the engineering specifications of existing County asphalt paved roads, which means that core samples or other objective assessment may be necessary to determine the engineering specifications of County asphalt paved roads; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that an objective, technical, transparent process be promulgated to evaluate the need for and value of any weight limit on any County-maintained asphalt paved road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board:

1. That it hereby adopts and incorporates by this reference Exhibit A, "Policies and Procedures for Proposing Weight Limits on Asphalt Paved Roads Maintained by Santa Fe County"; and
2. That no permanent weight restriction will be established pursuant to these policies and procedures except by the Board pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the Board.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2014.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

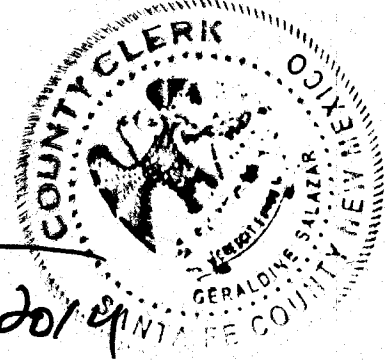
By: *Daniel W. Mayfield*
Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair

ATTESTED:

Geraldine Salazar

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

10-14-2014



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory S. Shaffer
Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Geraldine Salazar
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EXHIBIT A

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROPOSING WEIGHT LIMITS ON ASPHALT PAVED ROADS MAINTAINED BY SANTA FE COUNTY

1. The Public Works Department (Department) may propose a weight limit on an asphalt paved road at the time a road maintained by Santa Fe County (County) is paved or at any other time.
2. The Department may initiate the assessment of whether to propose a weight limit on a County asphalt paved road based upon the following:
 - a. observed injury to an asphalt paved road beyond normal expectations;
 - b. analyses conducted or required by the Growth Management Department or other knowledge of a proposed change in the intensity of road usage;
 - c. observation of continuous use of the road by heavy vehicle traffic; or
 - d. pursuant to a plan of assessing asphalt paved roads within the County.

A member of the public may request that the Department undertake an assessment based upon one or more of the basis set forth in Paragraphs 2(a)-(c); provided, however, that the Department shall not be obligated to undertake an assessment if it feels that an assessment is not warranted, due to lack of resources to conduct the requested assessment, or other documented reasons.

3. Once the Department initiates the assessment, the Department may:
 - a. conduct a traffic study to determine the actual and anticipated volume of traffic and weight and classification of vehicles traveling the road;
 - b. conduct an assessment to determine the condition of the road pavement; or
 - c. determine the engineering specifications of the road, through core sampling or other objective assessment.
4. If the assessment determines that the current and anticipated heavy traffic will not unacceptably injure the asphalt paved road, no further action will be taken.
5. If the assessment determines that the current and anticipated heavy traffic will unacceptably injure the asphalt paved road, the Department will propose to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of Santa Fe County a numerical weight limit for the road, to be established pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the Board, which ordinance shall (i) establish penalties for violations; (ii) establish exceptions to established weight limits for fire and other emergency apparatus, road machinery engaged in highway construction or maintenance, implements of husbandry, including farm tractors, temporarily moved upon a highway, and other vehicles as determined by the Board; and (iii) include provisions for the issuance of temporary, excessive weight permits.
6. These policies and procedures are separate and distinct from the review and approval of any development application submitted pursuant to the Land Development Code or Sustainable Land Development Code.

7. Nothing in this Policy limits the Department Director's authority to temporarily designate and post special weight limits on any portion of a County-maintained road in need of immediate additional protection due to weakness of the roadbed or structure due to deterioration, climatic conditions, or other special or temporary conditions that are likely to cause serious damage in the absence of such special limitations.

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