

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 63

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM
GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION OF EL CAMINO REAL DE TIERRA ADENTRO NATIONAL
HISTORIC TRAIL BUCKMAN ROAD RETRACEMENT PROJECT AND PROVIDING
A COMMITMENT OF UP TO \$450,000 TO SATISFY GRANT MATCH
REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County unanimously passed Resolution 2013-141, directing staff to submit an application to the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant;

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, staff submitted an application for FLAP grant funding for "El Camino Real Buckman Road Retracement Trail Project" for which total project costs were estimated to be approximately \$2,300,000;

WHEREAS, the project has received broad support in the form of almost 20 letters from federal, state and local agencies and community organizations, which were submitted in support of Santa Fe County's FLAP grant proposal;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County received a letter dated March 13, 2014, from the Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) indicating that Santa Fe County's project had been selected for the short list of potential New Mexico FLAP awards and that the final phase of evaluation involved a detailed Project Scoping Study;

WHEREAS, in May 2014, Santa Fe County collaborated with FHWA for the development of a project scoping report, project agreement and project delivery plan, to be utilized by the FLAP Program Decision Committee in making final grant awards in August 2014;

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2014, a representative from the Central Federal Lands Highway Division of the FHWA came to Santa Fe with their consultant HDR Engineering, Inc., to conduct the Project Scoping Study with input from Santa Fe County and its partners on the grant,

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including the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization, National Park Service, United States Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management;

WHEREAS, as a result of changes in trail treatment recommended by FHWA during the Project Scoping Study, as will be included in the detailed construction estimates provided in the Project Scoping Report, total project costs will increase to approximately \$3,000,000, of which 85% (or approximately \$2,550,000) is federal share;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Federal Lands Access Program Decision Committee will utilize the Project Scoping Report to make final award decisions on or about August 20, 2014;

WHEREAS, if awarded FLAP funding for El Camino Real Buckman Road Retracement Trail, Santa Fe County must commit to providing 15% local match funding for this grant award and the Federal Highway Administration will perform all project management, design and construction activities needed to complete the project;

WHEREAS, County staff worked with National Park Service staff to apply for an approximately \$100,000 grant for the project, which can count towards the local match and which application has been named the top funding priority nationally for the Connect Trails to Parks Program in Federal Fiscal Year 2016;

WHEREAS, County staff has requested financial contributions for the project from the City of Santa Fe, building on previous collaboration in the construction of El Camino Real Park with a National Scenic Byways grant; and

WHEREAS, County staff will request financial contributions for the project from the State of New Mexico Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County commits to provide the necessary financial match for the FLAP grant award for El Camino Real Buckman Road Retracement Trail Project if such grant is awarded, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for Fiscal Year 2016 and/or Fiscal Year 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Manager is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for acceptance of a FLAP grant award in the approximate amount of \$3,000,000 and implementation of the project provided the County match does not exceed \$450,000.

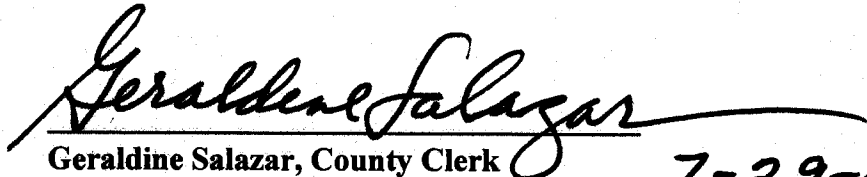
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 29th day of July, 2014.

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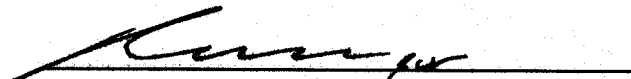
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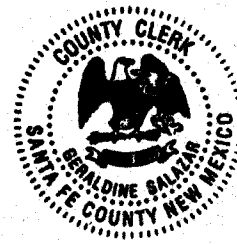
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Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk *7-29-2014*



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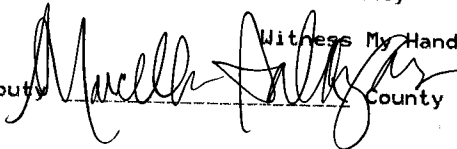

Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney



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 Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM Geraldine Salazar

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