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HOUSE MEMORIAL 68

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY 118 CORRIDOR
IN DOWNTOWN GALLUP TO INCREASE THE SAFETY OF VEHICULAR AND
PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ON-STREET VEHICULAR
PARKING.

WHEREAS, New Mexico state highway 118, also referred to as
historic highway route 66, remains the main thoroughfare in
Gallup that carries people to their work place, the business
district, stores, government and service facilities and tourist
attractions; and

WHEREAS, increasing volumes of heavy commercial and
residential traffic along the state highway 118 corridor,
railroad intersections with pedestrians and automobile traffic,
traffic speed and poorly visible crossings have greatly

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1 contributed to increased incidents and accidents in the state
2 highway 118 corridor, including seven fatal accidents and
3 thirty-one injury accidents during the years 2004 through 2008;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup has initiated several planning
6 efforts to analyze proposed improvements to the state highway
7 118 corridor in downtown Gallup; and

8 WHEREAS, the Gallup business improvement district has been
9 formed and is collecting self-imposed property taxes to fund
10 improvements in the state highway 118 corridor in downtown
11 Gallup; and

12 WHEREAS, there is an opportunity for the department of
13 transportation to leverage local planning efforts and financing
14 to improve the state highway 118 corridor for the benefit of
15 residents of Gallup and others traveling through Gallup;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
18 of transportation be requested to conduct a feasibility study
19 to identify and evaluate possible improvements to the state
20 highway 118 corridor through downtown Gallup, including
21 redesigning the downtown section with traffic calming measures,
22 signalized crosswalks, angled parking, signage and other
23 measures that would increase safety for pedestrians, bicyclists
24 and motorists; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be conducted with

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1 the involvement of the northwest regional planning
2 organization, the city of Gallup engineering department, the
3 Gallup business improvement district, the Burlington northern
4 Santa Fe railroad and other local and regional stakeholders and
5 businesses; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study propose
7 implementation strategies, including the coordination of
8 planning, design and construction of improvements and
9 developing management and operational agreements that can be
10 used to advance safety improvement projects; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study leverage existing
12 studies but that it not commence until sufficient funds have
13 been allocated from local public and private sources to pay for
14 the study such that, although the department of transportation
15 will provide technical and administrative support for the
16 study, the department's financial contribution will be
17 negligible; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the feasibility study be
19 presented to the appropriate interim legislative committees by
20 October 31, 2011 and that a copy of the study be submitted to
21 the city of Gallup, the northwest regional planning
22 organization and the library of the legislative council
23 service; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of transportation,

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1 the northwest regional planning organization and the mayor of
2 Gallup.

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