

1 RESOLUTION

2 of the

3 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION BOARD

4 of the

5 MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF NEW MEXICO

6 (R-11-10 MTB)

7 **Establishing Preference for the Alternative Selection**
8 **for the**
9 **Draft Environmental Impact Statement**
10 **for the**
11 **I-25 and Paseo del Norte Interchange Project**
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13 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has
14 identified the interchange of Interstate 25 and Paseo del Norte to be in need of
15 reconstruction and reconfiguration; and

16 WHEREAS, NMDOT is in the process of identifying a preferred alternative; and

17 WHEREAS, NMDOT has selected three alternatives for further consideration: No
18 Build Alternative 1, Alternative 7 and Alternative 16; and

19 WHEREAS, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement finds both Alternatives 7
20 and 16 to have approximately the same estimated cost of \$358,000,000 and
21 \$360,000,000 respectively; and

22 WHEREAS, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement finds both Alternatives 7
23 and 16 to be feasible and viable engineering alternatives meeting all necessary criteria
24 and standards; and

25 WHEREAS, NMDOT has requested the Metropolitan Transportation Board
26 (MTB) to indicate the Board's preference; and

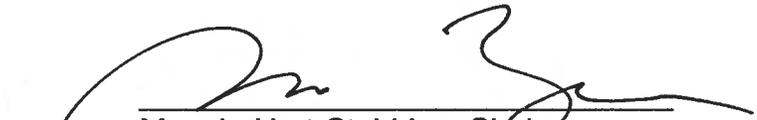
27 WHEREAS, this project is considered a priority project for implementation by the
28 MTB per resolution R-09-07 MTB and its inclusion in the *2035 Metropolitan*
29 *Transportation Plan*; and

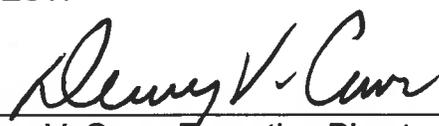
30 WHEREAS, the MTB is responsible for the programming of all federal funds used
31 for surface transportation within the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area.

32 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Transportation Board
33 of the Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico that, of the three alternatives
34 proposed for consideration as set out in the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement 1-*
35 *25/Paseo del Norte Interchange Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico - Project*
36 *No. MGS-025-4(127)233, CN D3026*, the MTB prefers Alternative 16; and

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MTB encourages the New Mexico
38 Department of Transportation to continue to investigate lower cost alternatives and/or
39 develop a phasing plan of the project composed of one or more independent projects
40 which remedy the immediate need of relieving congestion on the northbound to
41 westbound movement and the eastbound to southbound movement.

42 PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of August 2011 by the
43 Metropolitan Transportation Board of the Mid-Region Council of Governments of New
44 Mexico.

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47 Maggie Hart-Stebbins, Chair
48 Metropolitan Transportation Board

49 ATTEST:
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52 Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director
53 Mid-Region Council of Governments