

1 RESOLUTION

2 of the

3 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION BOARD

4 of the

5 MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF NEW MEXICO

6 (R-14-07 MTB)

7 **PETITION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
8 **RECOMMENDING A DIRECT BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN FACILITY**
9 **CROSSING OVER I-25**
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11 WHEREAS, *the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2035 MTP)* is the long-
12 range transportation plan for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area (AMPA); and

13 WHEREAS, the 2035 MTP was developed in accordance with federal regulation
14 23 CFR 450; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2035 MTP established three goals: preserving quality of life,
16 improving mobility and supporting economic activity; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2035 MTP identifies I-25 as a major barrier for bicycle and
18 pedestrian travel; and

19 WHEREAS, the 2035 MTP identifies construction of bicycle/pedestrian facilities
20 to eliminate gaps in the bicycle/pedestrian network; and

21 WHEREAS, the I-25 and Paseo del Norte Interchange Reconstruction projects
22 (CN A301180 and CNA301181) have been approved for funding by the Metropolitan
23 Transportation Board utilizing federal, state, city, and county funds; and

24 WHEREAS, conceptual plans for the reconfiguration of the interchange included
25 direct access over I-25 and the frontage roads between the South Domingo Baca
26 Arroyo Multi-Use Trail and Headline Boulevard NE; and

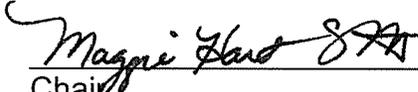
27 WHEREAS, current design plans propose a circuitous bicycle-pedestrian route
28 with additional at-grade crossings of some I-25 access ramps and frontage roads; and

29 WHEREAS, numerous members of the public have expressed concern that the
30 current proposal increases travel time compared to the direct connection proposal and
31 decreases safety due to the additional at-grade crossings.

32 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Metropolitan Transportation Board of
33 the Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico petitions the New Mexico
34 Department of Transportation, recommending the Department utilize existing funds
35 programmed in A301180 and/or A301181 to provide a direct bicycle-pedestrian
36 connection over I-25 and the frontage roads between the South Domingo Baca Arroyo
37 Multi-Use Trail and the vicinity of Headline Boulevard NE, similar to the earlier
38 conceptual plans presented to the public.

39 PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 18th day of July 2014 by the
40 Metropolitan Transportation Board of the Mid-Region Council of Governments of New
41 Mexico.

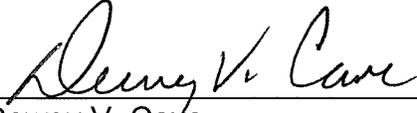
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Chair
Metropolitan Transportation Board

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Executive Secretary, Metropolitan Transportation Board