RESOLUTION

of the

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION BOARD

of the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of the

MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF NEW MEXICO

(R-04-14 MTB)

INTERSTATE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT (ICE) PLAN

WHEREAS, the Interstate Corridor Enhancement Plan (ICE Plan) has been developed as a conceptual framework for aesthetic enhancement of the interstate system in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area (AMPA); and

WHEREAS, the ICE Plan has been endorsed by the City of Albuquerque and the Bernalillo County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the ICE Plan concept is supported by the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, the Albuquerque Economic Forum, Sandia Pueblo and other business, community and design professional groups; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the AMPA; and

WHEREAS, MRCOG's Metropolitan Transportation Board (MTB) has the responsibility for adopting the long range transportation plan and short range transportation improvement programs for the AMPA; and

WHEREAS, the MTB provides direction to its advisory committees and their subcommittees, and to MRCOG staff, regarding elements and policies to be included in the transportation plans and programs developed for the AMPA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Transportation Board of the Mid-Region Council of Governments that:

1. The Interstate Corridor Enhancement Plan (ICE Plan) is adopted as a conceptual framework for aesthetic enhancement of the interstate system in the Albuquerque metropolitan planning area.
2. Any future regional transportation facility project should consider incorporating ICE Plan elements
3. MRCOG staff is directed to work with the local transportation agencies and the New Mexico Department of Transportation to develop an implementation plan and funding and maintenance strategy for an aesthetic plan that utilizes the ICE Plan as an input and which provides

pre-engineering direction for future regional transportation facility projects across the urban area.

5. For the purposes of this resolution, a "regional transportation facility" is defined as any portion of the Urban Interstate System, and any limited access principal arterial in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area.
6. MRCOG staff is directed to request the Metropolitan Transportation Board to formally adopt the completed implementation plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2004, by the Metropolitan Transportation Board of the Board of Directors of the Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico.

for Ronald D. Brown, Chair
Metropolitan Transportation Board

ATTEST:

Lawrence Rael, Executive Director