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4	STATING THE REGIONAL IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING THE PASEO DEL VOLCAN
5	CORRIDOR AND ESTABLISHING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PASEO DEL VOLCAN
6	CORRIDOR AS A HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT IN FUTURE ALLOCATIONS
7	AND REQUESTS FOR LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING
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9	WHEREAS, constructing Paseo del Volcan as a limited access arterial, and eventually a
10	limited access highway, would increase transportation options and connections to accom-
11	modate future growth on the west side of the Rio Grande, and near term acquisition of right-
12	of-way would mitigate future costs as development occurs along the Paso del Volcan corri-
13	dor; and
14	WHEREAS, the acquisition of right-of-way for the Paseo del Volcan corridor has been
15	programmed into the State Transportation Improvement Program and the Metropolitan
16	Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Program; and
17	WHEREAS the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan reports that by 2035 the region
18	can expect significant increases in congestion on the entire transportation system west of
19	the Rio Grande; and
20	WHEREAS, the ongoing pattern of residents locating west of the Rio Grande while major
21	job concentrations locate east of the river will continue to increase rush hour traffic conges-
22	tion at the river crossings; and
23	WHEREAS, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan reports that by 2035 the project-
24	ed level of population growth west of the Rio Grande, combined with an increasing imbal-
25	ance between housing and jobs, will double vehicle miles traveled per day from 16 million to

32 million and generate one million daily trips across the Rio Grande; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan reports these growth trends will increase annual vehicle hours of delay from 400,000 to 1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan states that a variety of strategies will be needed to tackle future congestion including transit supportive development that promotes the efficient use of land in presently established areas, population projections, land use policies and land availability will result in a substantial amount of growth in undeveloped areas; and

WHEREAS further resulting severe congestion at the river crossings will reduce the geographical area of the labor markets conveniently accessible to key employment centers, will compromise the community's quality of life (a key factor for employers when choosing where to locate a business) and will drive up transportation costs which depress housing prices west of the Rio Grande; and

WHEREAS, the construction of Paseo del Volcan will include analysis that determines the feasibility of integrating transit facilities and development along the corridor will emphasize the attraction of major employers, such as private and public research parks and institutions of higher education that will be required to support the high skilled jobs that will dominate the future economy of North America will promote the economic development of the region; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has filed an environmental impact statement with the Federal Highway Administration that states; "if implemented, Paseo del Volcan would create a major transportation corridor with efficient access to the developing properties on Albuquerque's west side and in Rio Rancho. Paseo del Volcan will facilitate and provide for orderly development in a rapidly growing area of Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties; and improve the roadway network's linkages and add additional road-

51	way capacity to other existing and planned transportation facilities within the northwest	
52	subarea."; and	
53	WHEREAS, the NMDOT has constructed the segment of Paseo del Volcan as a lim	ited
54	access highway from United States Highway 550 south to Unser Boulevard. The Depart	t-
55	ment is currently acquiring right of way for the roadway from Unser Boulevard to the Be	rna-
56	lillo/Sandoval County Line; and	
57	WHEREAS, acting now to designate Paseo del Volcan as a regional priority before	the
58	lands adjoining it are developed will reduce right-of-way costs and avoid disrupting exist	ing
59	neighborhoods and businesses (even condemning sound buildings in stable neighbor-	
60	hoods).	
61	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE	łΕ
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63	Section 1. That the considers the development of Paseo de	;l
64	Volcan a priority project.	
65	Section 2. The requests the New Mexico State Legislature de	esig-
66	nate the development of Paseo del Volcan as a State priority for the funding cycles from	1
67	Fiscal Year 2014 through Fiscal Year 2024.	
68	Section 3. The requests that the Metropolitan Trans	S-
69	portation Board of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area establish the developme	ent
70	of Paseo del Volcan as a regional priority.	
71	Section 4. The requests that the owners of prope	rty in
72	the corridor voluntarily participate in the Development of Paseo Del Volcan by donating	right
73	of way and providing other assistance as is needed.	
74	Section 5. The requests that the New Mexico Cong	gres-
75	sional Delegation work to secure federal funds for building Paseo del Volcan and assist	in

76	accessing federal programs for developing an employment center in the Paseo del Volcan
77	Corridor.
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79	PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this day of 2014 by the
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