

26 32 million and generate one million daily trips across the Rio Grande; and

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

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

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

39 WHEREAS, the construction of Paseo del Volcan will include analysis that determines
40 the feasibility of integrating transit facilities and development along the corridor will empha-
41 size the attraction of major employers, such as private and public research parks and institu-
42 tions of higher education that will be required to support the high skilled jobs that will domi-
43 nate the future economy of North America will promote the economic development of the
44 region; and

45 WHEREAS, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has filed an environ-
46 mental impact statement with the Federal Highway Administration that states; "if implement-
47 ed, Paseo del Volcan would create a major transportation corridor with efficient access to
48 the developing properties on Albuquerque's west side and in Rio Rancho. Paseo del Volcan
49 will facilitate and provide for orderly development in a rapidly growing area of Bernalillo and
50 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 limited
54 access highway from United States Highway 550 south to Unser Boulevard. The Depart-
55 ment is currently acquiring right of way for the roadway from Unser Boulevard to the Berna-
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 existing
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
62 _____:

63 Section 1. That the _____ considers the development of Paseo del
64 Volcan a priority project.

65 Section 2. The _____ requests the New Mexico State Legislature desig-
66 nate the development of Paseo del Volcan as a State priority for the funding cycles from
67 Fiscal Year 2014 through Fiscal Year 2024.

68 Section 3. The _____ requests that the Metropolitan Trans-
69 portation Board of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area establish the development
70 of Paseo del Volcan as a regional priority.

71 Section 4. The _____ requests that the owners of property 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 Congres-
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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Name and Title

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85 ATTEST:

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