

State of New Mexico
County of Grant

Resolution # R-04-13

**SUPPORT FOR EXPANSION OF HIGHWAY 180
TO INCLUDE FOUR-LANE ACCESS**

WHEREAS, four-lane highways are known to promote safety, ease of access, and economic development for rural communities; and,

WHEREAS, the incorporated municipalities within Grant County lack such access, with Silver City being the largest municipality in the State not connected to an Interstate by a four-lane highway; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership (GRIP) currently calls for improvements to Highway 180 between Hurley and Deming, but only to the level of a two lane highway with an intermittent passing lane; and,

WHEREAS, Highway 180 is currently a four-lane thoroughfare connecting the municipalities of Bayard, Santa Clara, and Silver City;

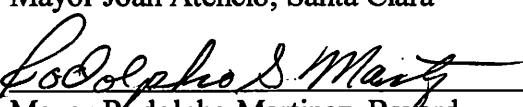
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the local governments representing the citizens of Grant County that we support the GRIP concept, yet request that the portion of Highway 180 between Deming and Bayard be included in GRIP as a four-lane highway, thereby linking all incorporated municipalities within Grant County to Interstate 10 via a four-lane highway, and promoting the health, safety, and economic welfare of the citizens of Grant County.

Approved and adopted in open meetings of the local governments represented below:

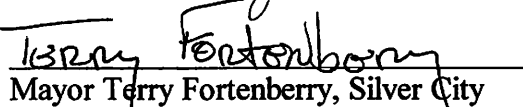
Attest:


Chairman Henry Torres, Grant County


Mayor Joan Atencio, Santa Clara


Mayor Rudolpho Martinez, Bayard

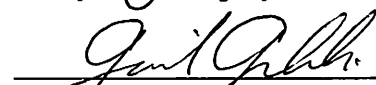

Mayor David Diaz, Hurley

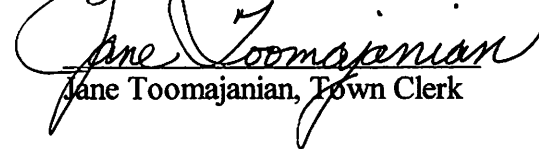

Mayor Terry Fortenberry, Silver City


Jeff Carbajal, County Clerk


Pam Eaton, Deputy Clerk


Kristy Ortiz, Deputy Clerk


Gail Gibbs, City Clerk


Jane Toomajanian, Town Clerk