

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-___

Transit Capital Funding

SPONSOR(S): Calvert, Bushee and Ives

SUMMARY: The proposed resolution supports the Southwest Transit Association's position paper on the future of Federal transit funding; encouraging Congress to restore Capital Bus and Bus Facilities funding to small urban cities to pre map-21 levels; and calling on the State of New Mexico to establish a State transit fund to assist transit systems operating within the State.

PREPARED BY: Rebecca Seligman, Legislative Liaison Assistant

DATE: January 13, 2014

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
FIR

**ACTION SHEET
ITEM FROM THE
PUBLIC WORKS/CIP AND LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014**

ITEM 17

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHWEST TRANSIT ASSOCIATION'S POSITION PAPER ON THE FUTURE OF FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING; ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO RESTORE CAPITAL BUS AND BUS FACILITIES FUNDING TO SMALL URBAN CITIES TO PRE MAP-21 LEVELS; AND CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO ESTABLISH A STATE TRANSIT FUND TO ASSIST TRANSIT SYSTEMS OPERATING WITHIN THE STATE (**COUNCILORS CALVERT AND BUSHEE**) (**JON BULTHUIS**)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ACTION: Approved on Consent

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS:

STAFF FOLLOW UP: Add Councilor Ives as a co-sponsor

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
CHAIRPERSON WURZBURGER			
COUNCILOR CALVERT	X		
COUNCILOR IVES	X		
COUNCILOR RIVERA	X		
COUNCILOR TRUJILLO	Excused		

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-___

3 INTRODUCED BY:

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5 Councilor Chris Calvert

6 Councilor Patti Bushee

7 Councilor Peter Ives

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10 A RESOLUTION

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12 THE FUTURE OF FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING; ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO
13 RESTORE CAPITAL BUS AND BUS FACILITIES FUNDING TO SMALL URBAN CITIES
14 TO PRE MAP-21 LEVELS; AND CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO
15 ESTABLISH A STATE TRANSIT FUND TO ASSIST TRANSIT SYSTEMS OPERATING
16 WITHIN THE STATE.

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18 WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe has made substantial investment in Santa Fe Trails, the
19 City's public transportation system, to bring it up to its current level of service and stature in the
20 community; and

21 WHEREAS, the City has historically enjoyed success in partnering with its congressional
22 delegation and the Federal Transit Administration for capital bus replacement, and has received
23 federal funding for transit capital projects exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000), per year, over
24 the past decade in order to keep the system in a state of good repair; and

25 WHEREAS, federal funds currently allocated to the City specifically for transit capital

1 projects, through the current federal transportation act (MAP-21), have been reduced to less than one
2 hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000) per year, and are woefully inadequate to meet the
3 capital replacement needs of Santa Fe Trails in the near term; and

4 **WHEREAS**, this reduction in federal capital funding means more Santa Fe Trails buses
5 operating past their useful life, significantly higher maintenance costs, less reliable service to our
6 customers and, potentially, reduction in service levels when aging buses cannot be replaced; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Southwest Transit Association, which the City of Santa Fe is a member of,
8 has prepared a position paper addressing the critical need to restore stable federal capital funding to
9 the Bus and Bus Facilities Program during reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Act; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Passenger Transportation Association has endorsed the
11 Southwest Transit Association's position paper regarding federal transportation funding, and is also
12 partnering with New Mexico Legislators regarding state transportation funding, by exploring new
13 revenue possibilities to enable ongoing and stable investment in transportation projects; and

14 **WHEREAS**, public transportation service has increased dramatically within the State of New
15 Mexico in recent years with expanded service options now available to residents and visitors alike;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the State of New Mexico is one of very few states that does not currently
18 provide state transportation funds to public transportation providers that operate within its borders;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, municipalities and regional transit districts that provide transit services
21 throughout New Mexico would benefit greatly from the investment of state transportation funds,
22 along with federal and local funds, in their systems.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
24 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body:

- 25 1. Endorses the Southwest Transit Association position paper titled "*MAP-21 and the*

1 *Future of Public Transportation*", attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

2 2. Encourages members of our Congressional delegation to work alongside transit
3 industry partners to incorporate the proposals expressed in the Southwest Transit
4 Association position paper during the process of reauthorizing the Federal
5 Transportation Act; and in particular, to seek restoration of capital funding to small
6 urban areas at levels previously available.

7 3. Calls upon the Legislature of the State of New Mexico to establish a state public
8 transportation fund and distribution methodology for transit systems operating within
9 the state.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
11 **SANTA FE** that Transit Division staff shall forward this resolution to the City's Congressional and
12 New Mexico legislative delegations.

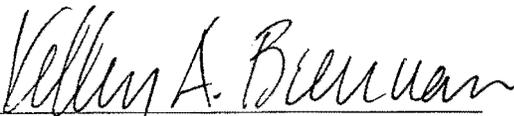
13 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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16 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

17 ATTEST:

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20 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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24 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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City of Santa Fe Fiscal Impact Report (FIR)

This Fiscal Impact Report (FIR) shall be completed for each proposed bill or resolution as to its direct impact upon the City's operating budget and is intended for use by any of the standing committees of and the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe. Bills or resolutions with no fiscal impact still require a completed FIR. Bills or resolutions with a fiscal impact must be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Bills or resolutions without a fiscal impact generally do not require review by the Finance Committee unless the subject of the bill or resolution is financial in nature.

Section A. General Information

(Check) Bill: _____ Resolution: X

(A single FIR may be used for related bills and/or resolutions)

Short Title(s): A proposed resolution supports the Southwest Transit Association's position paper on the future of Federal transit funding; encouraging Congress to restore Capital Bus and Bus Facilities funding to small urban cities to pre map-21 levels; and calling on the State of New Mexico to establish State transit fund to assist transit systems operating within the State.

Sponsor(s): Councilors Calvert and Bushee, Ives

Reviewing Department(s): City Attorney's Office

Persons Completing FIR: Rebecca Seligman Date: 12/20/13 Phone: 955.6501

Reviewed by City Attorney: *Kelley A. Brennan* Date: 12/23/13
(Signature)

Reviewed by Finance Director: *[Signature]* Date: 12/23/13
(Signature)

Section B. Summary

Briefly explain the purpose and major provisions of the bill/resolution:

The purpose of the bill is to show supports the Southwest Transit Association's position paper on the future of Federal transit funding; encouraging Congress to restore Capital Bus and Bus Facilities funding to small urban cities to pre map-21 levels; and calling on the State of New Mexico to establish State transit fund to assist transit systems operating within the State.

Section C. Fiscal Impact

Note: Financial information on this FIR does not directly translate into a City of Santa Fe budget increase. For a budget increase, the following are required:

- a. The item must be on the agenda at the Finance Committee and City Council as a "Request for Approval of a City of Santa Fe Budget Increase" with a definitive funding source (could be same item and same time as bill/resolution)
- b. Detailed budget information must be attached as to fund, business units, and line item, amounts, and explanations (similar to annual requests for budget)
- c. Detailed personnel forms must be attached as to range, salary, and benefit allocation and signed by Human Resource Department for each new position(s) requested (prorated for period to be employed by fiscal year)*

1. Projected Expenditures:

- a. Indicate Fiscal Year(s) affected – usually current fiscal year and following fiscal year (i.e., FY 03/04 and FY 04/05)
- b. Indicate: "A" if current budget and level of staffing will absorb the costs
"N" if new, additional, or increased budget or staffing will be required
- c. Indicate: "R" – if recurring annual costs
"NR" if one-time, non-recurring costs, such as start-up, contract or equipment costs
- d. Attach additional projection schedules if two years does not adequately project revenue and cost patterns
- e. Costs may be netted or shown as an offset if some cost savings are projected (explain in Section 3 Narrative)

Finance Director: _____

X Check here if no fiscal impact

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Expenditure Classification	FY			FY			Fund Affected

Personnel*	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
Fringe**	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
Capital Outlay	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
Land/ Building	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
Professional Services	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
All Other Operating Costs	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
Total:	\$ _____			\$ _____			

* Any indication that additional staffing would be required must be reviewed and approved in advance by the City Manager by attached memo before release of FIR to committees. **For fringe benefits contact the Finance Dept.

2. Revenue Sources:

- a. To indicate new revenues and/or
- b. Required for costs for which new expenditure budget is proposed above in item 1.

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Type of Revenue	FY		FY		

_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Total:	\$ _____		\$ _____		

3. Expenditure/Revenue Narrative:

Explain revenue source(s). Include revenue calculations, grant(s) available, anticipated date of receipt of revenues/grants, etc. Explain expenditures, grant match(s), justify personnel increase(s), detail capital and operating uses, etc. (Attach supplemental page, if necessary.)

Not applicable.

Section D. General Narrative

1. Conflicts: Does this proposed bill/resolution duplicate/conflict with/companion to/relate to any City code, approved ordinance or resolution, other adopted policies or proposed legislation? Include details of city adopted laws/ordinance/resolutions and dates. Summarize the relationships, conflicts or overlaps.

None that staff is aware of.

2. Consequences of Not Enacting This Bill/Resolution:

Are there consequences of not enacting this bill/resolution? If so, describe.

It has the potential to impact funding to small urban cities.

3. Technical Issues:

Are there incorrect citations of law, drafting errors or other problems? Are there any amendments that should be considered? Are there any other alternatives which should be considered? If so, describe.

None that staff is aware of

4. Community Impact:

Briefly describe the major positive or negative effects the Bill/Resolution might have on the community including, but not limited to, businesses, neighborhoods, families, children and youth, social service providers and other institutions such as schools, churches, etc.

Supporting the Southwest Transit Association’s position paper on the future of Federal transit funding, and encouraging Congress to restore Capital Bus and Bus Facilities funding to small urban cities to pre map-21 levels; and calling on the State of New Mexico to establish State transit fund to assist transit systems operating within the State would impact our community in assisting in the area of equipment and services.

Form adopted: 01/12/05; revised 8/24/05; revised 4/17/08