CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-92

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Patti J. Bushee Mayor Javier M. Gonzales

Councilor Peter N. Ives Councilor Signe I. Lindell

Councilor Joseph M. Maestas

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO COMPLETE THE OLD PECOS TRAIL SCENIC CORRIDOR PLAN BY FOLLOWING THE NECESSARY PUBLIC PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Old Pecos Trail, with its panoramic views of the Sangre De Cristo and Jemez Mountains, and its historic connection to the Old Santa Fe Trail, is iconic and irreplaceable; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 General Plan states: "The character of Santa Fe is defined by more than just buildings. Many other features are recognized as making a collective contribution to the city's distinctive cultural landscape. Such features should be identified and recorded locationally and include acequias, street forms, and physical attributes"; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 General Plan directs the City to expand existing resource survey efforts to include recording characteristics and unique physical features and historic development patterns and to develop processes to preserve those characteristics, physical features, and development patterns; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 General Plan specifically calls for development of the Old Pecos Trail

Scenic Corridor , saying "The Old Pecos Trail Scenic Corridor designates Old Pecos Trail, between Cordova Road and I-25, as a scenic roadway and recognizes its importance as an unspoiled entryway into downtown"; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 General Plan states that development standards for the Old Pecos Trail Scenic Corridor, including land uses, density, and design controls, will be developed through a public participation process; and

WHEREAS, the city has adopted SFCC Section 14-5.5(a)(2)(A) Boundaries of the South Central Highway Corridor Protection District (SCHC), which defines the SCHC district encompassing the land within six hundred feet of the edge of the right of way on both sides of the following streets designated as special review districts in the general plan, and shown on the official zoning map in the south central section of Santa Fe: St. Michael's Drive; Old Pecos Trail; St. Francis Drive; Rodeo Road; and Interstate 25 and its frontage roads; and

WHEREAS, in the early 2000's, there was an extensive public process to develop more specific standards for Old Pecos Trail to be included within SFCC 14-5.5, the SCHC Protection District, as the "Old Pecos Trail Scenic Corridor"; and

WHEREAS, those standards were not fully adopted; and

WHEREAS, this lack of specificity has resulted in concerns that the Old Pecos Trail Scenic Corridor, as called for in the 1999 General Plan, is imperiled and needs immediate protection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that Land Use Department staff is directed to immediately reconvene the public process to develop standards for the Old Pecos Trail Scenic Corridor and to present those standards to the Governing Body for adoption into the City's Land Use Code.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2015.

JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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