CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Joseph M. Maestas

Councilor Renee Villarreal

A RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR TRANSIT CONSOLIDATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe ("City") and the North Central Regional Transit District ("NCRTD") both operate separate transit systems serving riders within the municipal boundaries of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City and the NCRTD have an interest in working to identify opportunities to achieve increased coordination, cost efficiencies and consolidation of the City system by the NCRTD; and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD annually contributes funding in excess of $950,000 to the City for services operated by the City deemed to be regional in nature as defined in the NCRTD's Financial Policies; and

WHEREAS, the City currently levies a 1/4% Municipal Gross Receipts tax which is dedicated to the public bus system and quality of life purposes of which approximately 62% is

historically allocated to the public bus system; and

WHEREAS, the City and the NCRTD wish to explore the feasibility of a consolidation of their services; and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD recently voted unanimously to support a study of a merger with the City of Santa Fe transportation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the City Manager is directed to work with the NCRTD to explore the feasibility of consolidating the Santa Fe transit system into the NCRTD, to include participating and funding of a feasibility study in an amount equal to half the match required to leverage the grant for this purpose, and is authorized to enter into a letter of intent with the NCRTD as attached as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCRTD will request $150,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 304 Planning funds through the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT); and that the funding being sought is for the explicit purpose of retaining a firm to analyze the possibility of a consolidation of the City transit system into the NCRTD; and that any such FTA funds awarded will be subject to a 20% matching requirement, which will be split between the parties.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2016.

JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

M/Legislation/Resolutions 2016/2016-29 Transit Consolidation Study

LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (DISTRICT) AND THE CITY OF SANTA FE (CITY) COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS THE PARTIES REGARDING THE ANALYSIS AND THE FEASABILITY OF A CONSOLIDATED TRANSIT SYSTEM.

Whereas, the District and the City both operate separate transit systems serving within the City of Santa Fe; and

Whereas, the District and the City have an interest in working to identify opportunities to achieve increased coordination, cost efficiencies and consolidation of the City system by the District; and

Whereas, the District annually contributes funding in excess of $950,000.00 to the City for services operated by the City deemed to be regional in nature as defined in the District's Financial Policies; and

Whereas, the City currently levies a ¼ cent Municipal Gross Receipts tax which is dedicated to the public bus system and quality of life purposes of which approximately 62% is historically allocated to the public bus system; and

Whereas, the Parties desire to express their intent regarding exploration of the feasibility of a consolidation with this letter of intent indicating a commitment to funding the analysis regarding a consolidation and to in good faith explore the recommendations contained within such study;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DISTRICT AND CITY HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The City and District agree, to further explore the feasibility of consolidating the Santa Fe transit system into the District, with a goal of achieving uninterrupted and seamless service in 2016, if the following conditions are met:

A. The District will request $150,000.00 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5304 Planning funds through the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT). The funding being sought is for the explicit purpose of retaining a firm to analyze the possibility of a consolidation of the City transit system into the District. If such FTA funds are awarded a matching requirement of 20% is required.
B. The District will contribute the 20% matching funds requirement. The City will pay to the District an amount equal to 50% of the matching funds requirement upon receipt of an invoice from the District.
C. The District as the recipient of said funds will enter into all agreements required by the NMDOT.
D. The District will prepare all Request for Proposals, Scope of Work and all other pertinent documents for solicitation of consultants for the consolidation study. The City will provide review and input into the solicitation documents. The solicitation will occur pursuant to the District's procurement rules and regulations and pursuant to FTA requirements.
E. The District and City will be participants in the selection of a qualified proposer for the study.

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F. The District will enter into a contract with the successful proposer.

G. The District and City agree that in the event that a consolidation is recommended and the Parties agree to pursue such consolidation, that the form of Governance will be pursuant to the Intergovernmental Contract (IGC) currently in existence between the Parties and the other Thirteen (13) members of the District pursuant to the Regional Transit Act.

H. The City and District agree and acknowledge that this document is a letter of intent. The Parties agree to enter into this letter of intent in good faith to explore consolidation of the City transit system into the District subject to the conditions outlined above; however, if unforeseen or changing legal or financial conditions preclude the ability of either the City or the District to agree to a consolidation as contemplated herein, or if the necessary approval(s) are not obtained, then this document shall be of no further force and effect upon the notification of one party to the other.

This letter of intent is entered into as authorized by the Santa Fe City Council and the North Central Regional Transit District Board of Directors.

For the District:

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Daniel Barrone
Chairman

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Date

For the City:

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Javier Gonzales
Mayor

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Date