CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-116

INTRODUCED BY:

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO SEEK FUNDING FROM THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ASSIST THE CITY IN CONSTRUCTING A GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING FOR THE ARROYO CHAMISO TRAIL AT ST. FRANCIS DRIVE.

WHEREAS, the City encourages bike and pedestrian travel for both recreational and alternative transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City has built miles of trails over the years and is continuing to build a comprehensive trail system; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue from one side of St. Francis Drive to the other side of St. Francis Drive, users of the Arroyo Chamiso Trail must cross six lanes of traffic on Zia Road twice as well as eight lanes of traffic on St. Francis Drive; and

WHEREAS, there are many schools located in the neighborhoods on both sides of St. Francis Drive where students could use a well connected trail system; and

WHEREAS, at neighborhood meetings the public has urged the Bicycle Trails Advisory
Committee and city staff to construct the a grade separated crossing at St. Francis Drive as the 

safest and most efficient long term solution to directly connecting the two parts of the Arroyo 

Chamiso Trail rather than designate and build an interim trail along the east side of St. Francis 

Drive; and 

WHEREAS, the City’s Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee has on numerous 

occasions recognized the urgent need for an immediate grade separated crossing for the Arroyo 

Chamiso Trail at St. Francis Drive and on October 25, 2007 unanimously voted to prioritize the 

design and construction of the underground crossing; and 

WHEREAS, the Rail Runner project includes the relocation of the tracks closer to St. 

Francis Drive and the grade separated crossing of the for the Arroyo Chamiso Trail at St. Francis 

Drive; and 

WHEREAS, the increased use of the railroad tracks in the vicinity of Zia Road and St. 

Francis Drive for the Rail Runner traveling between Albuquerque and downtown Santa Fe makes 

the need for the underground crossing at St. Francis Drive even more compelling; and 

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Transportation study of the St. Francis 

Drive Corridor is presently on hold; and 

WHEREAS, the City’s engineering consultants have estimated that constructing the 

underground crossing could be $500,000 to $1,000,000. 

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE 

CITY OF SANTA FE that city and MPO staff is directed to seek funding from the New Mexico 

Department of Transportation to assist the city in constructing an underground crossing for the 

Arroyo Chamiso Trail at St. Francis Drive. 

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2007.
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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