

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 116

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10 A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, at neighborhood meetings the public has urged the Bicycle Trails Advisory

1 Committee and city staff to construct the a grade separated crossing at St. Francis Drive as the  
2 safest and most efficient long term solution to directly connecting the two parts of the Arroyo  
3 Chamiso Trail rather than designate and build an interim trail along the east side of St. Francis  
4 Drive; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City's Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee has on numerous  
6 occasions recognized the urgent need for an immediate grade separated crossing for the Arroyo  
7 Chamiso Trail at St. Francis Drive and on October 25, 2007 unanimously voted to prioritize the  
8 design and construction of the underground crossing; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Rail Runner project includes the relocation of the tracks closer to St.  
10 Francis Drive and the grade separated crossing of the for the Arroyo Chamiso Trail at St. Francis  
11 Drive; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the increased use of the railroad tracks in the vicinity of Zia Road and St.  
13 Francis Drive for the Rail Runner traveling between Albuquerque and downtown Santa Fe makes  
14 the need for the underground crossing at St. Francis Drive even more compelling; and

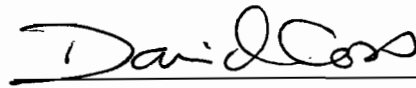
15 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Department of Transportation study of the St. Francis  
16 Drive Corridor is presently on hold; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the City's engineering consultants have estimated that constructing the  
18 underground crossing could be \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
20 **CITY OF SANTA FE that** city and MPO staff is directed to seek funding from the New Mexico  
21 Department of Transportation to assist the city in constructing an underground crossing for the  
22 Arroyo Chamiso Trail at St. Francis Drive.

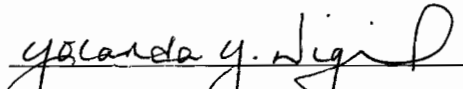
23 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.  
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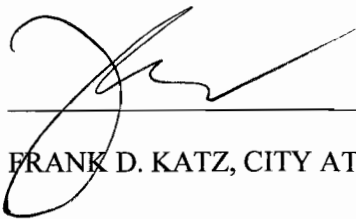
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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