CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-102

INTRODUCED BY:

A RESOLUTION

REFINING RESOLUTION 2003-70 AND REQUIRING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO ANSWER, ADDRESS AND MITIGATE CERTAIN ISSUES INVOLVING THE "RAIL RUNNER" COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe previously adopted Resolution No. 2003-70 unanimously supporting the concept of commuter rail from Santa Fe to Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has engaged, and is currently engaged, in planning for a commuter rail project, also known as “Rail Runner”, between Bernalillo and the City of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, after an expedited public process, a preferred alignment for the proposed Rail Runner project was approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization to follow along federal right of way south of the City of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, there are certain issues and negative impacts that have been raised previously that are a direct result of the Rail Runner project; and

WHEREAS, such negative impacts directly affect the health, safety and welfare of City
residents; and

WHEREAS, the State has been less than forthcoming in the public input, planning,
development, construction and funding processes that negative impacts will be ameliorated and/or
addressed as the Rail Runner project progresses; and

WHEREAS, the City/County Metropolitan Planning Organization has expressed similar
concerns to the State of New Mexico and is considering passage of its own resolution requiring
additional information regarding the Rail Runner project;

WHEREAS, in an attempt to elicit public concerns the City held a public meeting for
affected residents on October 23, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Transportation attempted to answer and
address concerns by holding two sessions for public comment on October 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City/County Metropolitan Planning Organization is considering
addressing, perhaps through a public process, the issue of station identification and locations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation commits to holding subsequent meetings
with the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body hereby reaffirms Resolution No. 2003-70 with
the following provisos.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body re-states its commitment to
the concept of commuter rail service between Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, because of the details of this particular Rail
Runner project, City staff is directed to take all measures necessary and consistent with this action
to inform the State of New Mexico that the Rail Runner project is allowed to enter into the City
limits and is allowed to cross any City-owned right-of-way when:

(a) The following issues and potentially negative impacts are answered and
addressed in a series of public meetings:

(1) Station identification and location;
(2) Neighborhood, traffic and safety impacts of station location;
(3) Noise impacts;
(4) Traffic and intersection impacts (Richards Avenue, Rodeo Road/Galisteo
    Street intersection, Zia Road, Siringo Road, St. Michaels Drive, San Mateo Road, Alta
    Vista Street/Pacheco Street intersection);
(5) Safety impacts; and
(6) Environmental impacts.

(b) The State Department of Transportation commits itself to reasonable and
adequate mitigation efforts for the above necessitated by the Rail Runner project.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of Transportation
continue to limit and curtail negative effects of night time construction on the Rail Runner project
and to pursue non potable water for construction purposes.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2007.

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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YOLANDA V. VIGIL, CITY CLERK
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY