CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-14

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Calvert
Councilor Wurzburger
Councilor Bushee

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING TRANSIT DIVISION STAFF TO WORK WITH OTHER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF TO DEVELOP AND EXECUTE A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND TO EXAMINE PEDESTRIAN ROUTES TO BUS STOPS, IDENTIFY WHERE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO FACILITATE SAFE ACCESS TO SUCH STOPS, PRIORITIZE NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD, AND RECOMMEND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GOVERNING BODY.

WHEREAS, access to a facility is a primary requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe is committed to encouraging alternative modes of transportation including riding the bus, bicycling and walking; and

WHEREAS, safety awareness is an important component of advancing walking as a means of transportation for pedestrians and mobility disabled pedestrians alike; and
WHEREAS, the majority of all bus riders start and end their trips as pedestrians and
wish for these parts of their trips to be as safe as the part taken on the bus; and

WHEREAS, safe and accessible sidewalks are not universally provided throughout
neighborhoods and business districts within the city; and

WHEREAS, such deficiencies are particularly problematic for those who choose to
make use of the transit system for their transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the repair and maintenance of existing sidewalks is generally the
responsibility of the adjacent property owner; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has budgeted funds to address locations where gaps in the
sidewalk network exist; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Advisory Board has chosen to focus on this issue in order to
improve access within 100 feet of bus stops to make the transit system more available and
attractive to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the city of
Santa Fe directs transit division staff to work with other public works department staff to develop
and execute a pedestrian safety awareness campaign and to examine pedestrian routes to bus
stops, identify where capital improvements are required to facilitate safe access to such stops,
prioritize needed improvements in consultation with the transit advisory board, and recommend
implementation of such improvements to the Governing Body such that needed improvements
can be duly budgeted and constructed.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 30th day of May, 2007.

[Signature]

DAVID COSS, MAYOR
ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY