

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 79**

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CREATE AN ADEQUATELY FUNDED**
12 **COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, on July 11, 2008 the National League of Cities ("NLC") Board adopted a
15 resolution (NLC Resolution No. 2008-54) urging the federal government to create an adequately
16 funded comprehensive national surface transportation plan; and

17 **WHEREAS**, America's transportation system faces challenges of congestion, energy supply
18 and costs, environmental impacts, and sprawl that threaten the economic, social and environmental
19 future of the nation and is in need of a new vision; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the aging and deterioration of our transportation infrastructure system continues
21 to impact our economy, national security, and cities and towns which are the economic engine of our
22 nation; and

23 **WHEREAS**, a seamless transportation network is essential for the connectivity of the
24 multimodal systems within the United States to remove gaps and bottlenecks for freight and people
25 movement; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the congressionally mandated National Surface Transportation Policy and
2 Revenue Study Commission has recommended a new framework for substantial changes to a national
3 transportation policy; and

4 **WHEREAS**, discussion of a new federal approach to surface transportation must include the
5 integral role of the intergovernmental partnership that supports and maintains our national
6 transportation network; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the largest share in the growth of transportation investment has come from state
8 and local sources underlying their commitment to creating a reliable transportation system; and

9 **WHEREAS**, we must accomplish the difficult task of expanding the transportation network's
10 capacity to serve a growing population and an expanding economy while simultaneously reducing the
11 carbon footprint of the system; and

12 **WHEREAS**, transportation planning and implementation need to incorporate best practices
13 in land use, environmental investigation, energy conservation and impacts of alternative fuels; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the transportation system in this country is in crisis and a new transportation
15 plan with funding must be completed in a timely manner.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
17 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body supports pursuing a strategic, national transportation
18 plan that will include a multimodal network that promotes the environmental, social, and economic
19 development of our country and urges Congress to expeditiously adopt a fully funded plan.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body urges Congress and the
21 Administration to take immediate action to ensure the sustainability of both the highway and mass
22 transit accounts within the federal Highway Trust Fund.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body pledges to promote partnerships
24 between the federal, state and local government to provide improved multimodal transportation in the
25 21st Century.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body strongly urges Congress and the
2 Administration to support a comprehensive national transportation plan that would:

- 3 • include a strong federal role that would call on the knowledge and expertise of, and
4 collaboration with, state and local government in policy-making.
- 5 • include principles of sustainability, innovative technology, regional decision making, and
6 performance measures.
- 7 • invest in outcome-oriented solutions rather than mode-designated grants.
- 8 • integrate the highway, rail, air, and port freight systems of the North American trade bloc
9 to enable the U.S. to remain a competitive economy and to connect between urban and
10 rural communities to the global economy.
- 11 • recognize the connection between transportation and land use planning, housing, energy,
12 the economy and the environment.
- 13 • improve the quality of life for all citizens through a dramatic increase in safety, reduced
14 congestion, energy independence, and affordable transportation.
- 15 • collaboratively establish national performance goals, intergovernmental roles and
16 responsibilities, and accountability mechanisms to achieve the goals.
- 17 • streamline regulatory review processes including incentives for innovative project
18 implementation.
- 19 • create revenue-generating mechanisms that are developed collaboratively by federal,
20 state, and local governments and recognize the need for new methods of revenue
21 generation.
- 22 • implement the reforms recommended by the National Surface Transportation Policy and
23 Revenue Study Commission.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City Clerk to send
25 copies of this resolution to our congressional delegation and to the administrative office of the

1 National League of Cities.

2 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2008.

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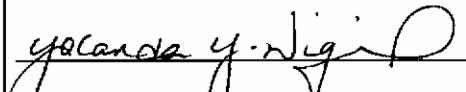


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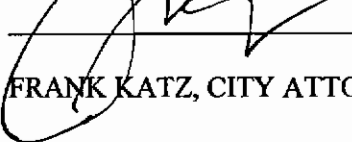
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9 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

10 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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13 FRANK KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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