

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Chris Calvert

6 Councilor Patti Bushee

7 Councilor Peter Ives

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING THE SOUTHWEST TRANSIT ASSOCIATION’S POSITION PAPER ON**  
12 **THE FUTURE OF FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING; ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO**  
13 **RESTORE CAPITAL BUS AND BUS FACILITIES FUNDING TO SMALL URBAN CITIES**  
14 **TO PRE MAP-21 LEVELS; AND CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO**  
15 **ESTABLISH A STATE TRANSIT FUND TO ASSIST TRANSIT SYSTEMS OPERATING**  
16 **WITHIN THE STATE.**

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18 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has made substantial investment in Santa Fe Trails, the  
19 City’s public transportation system, to bring it up to its current level of service and stature in the  
20 community; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the City has historically enjoyed success in partnering with its congressional  
22 delegation and the Federal Transit Administration for capital bus replacement, and has received  
23 federal funding for transit capital projects exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000), per year, over  
24 the past decade in order to keep the system in a state of good repair; and

25 **WHEREAS**, federal funds currently allocated to the City specifically for transit capital

1 projects, through the current federal transportation act (MAP-21), have been reduced to less than one  
2 hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000) per year, and are woefully inadequate to meet the  
3 capital replacement needs of Santa Fe Trails in the near term; and

4 **WHEREAS**, this reduction in federal capital funding means more Santa Fe Trails buses  
5 operating past their useful life, significantly higher maintenance costs, less reliable service to our  
6 customers and, potentially, reduction in service levels when aging buses cannot be replaced; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Southwest Transit Association, which the City of Santa Fe is a member of,  
8 has prepared a position paper addressing the critical need to restore stable federal capital funding to  
9 the Bus and Bus Facilities Program during reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Act; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Passenger Transportation Association has endorsed the  
11 Southwest Transit Association's position paper regarding federal transportation funding, and is also  
12 partnering with New Mexico Legislators regarding state transportation funding, by exploring new  
13 revenue possibilities to enable ongoing and stable investment in transportation projects; and

14 **WHEREAS**, public transportation service has increased dramatically within the State of New  
15 Mexico in recent years with expanded service options now available to residents and visitors alike;  
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the State of New Mexico is one of very few states that does not currently  
18 provide state transportation funds to public transportation providers that operate within its borders;  
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, municipalities and regional transit districts that provide transit services  
21 throughout New Mexico would benefit greatly from the investment of state transportation funds,  
22 along with federal and local funds, in their systems.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
24 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body:

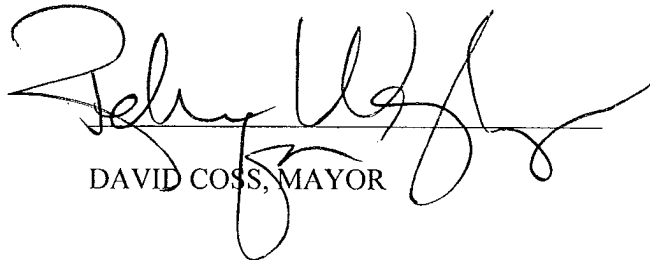
- 25 1. Endorses the Southwest Transit Association position paper titled "*MAP-21 and the*

1 *Future of Public Transportation*", attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

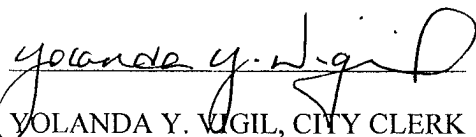
- 2 2. Encourages members of our Congressional delegation to work alongside transit  
3 industry partners to incorporate the proposals expressed in the Southwest Transit  
4 Association position paper during the process of reauthorizing the Federal  
5 Transportation Act; and in particular, to seek restoration of capital funding to small  
6 urban areas at levels previously available.
- 7 3. Calls upon the Legislature of the State of New Mexico to establish a state public  
8 transportation fund and distribution methodology for transit systems operating within  
9 the state.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**  
11 **SANTA FE** that Transit Division staff shall forward this resolution to the City's Congressional and  
12 New Mexico legislative delegations.

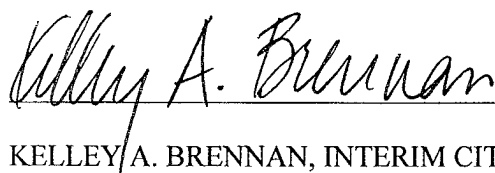
13 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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16 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

17 ATTEST:

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20 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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24 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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