1	CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
2	RESOLUTION NO. 2015-17
3	INTRODUCED BY:
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5	Councilor Patti Bushee
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10	A RESOLUTION
11	URGING THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT), IN
12	THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION OF
13	THE NM 599/VIA VETERANOS (CR70 CONNECTOR) INTERCHANGE PROJECT.
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15	WHEREAS, the NMDOT Final Project Prioritization Plan for the NM599 Corridor
16	identified the construction of an interchange at NM 599/Via Veteranos (CR70 Connector) as the
17	number two priority of NM 599 projects for public funding; and
18	WHEREAS, the construction of the NM 599/Via Veteranos (CR70 Connector)
19	Interchange, is identified in the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization Metropolitan
20	Transportation Plan as a short/medium priority project; and
21	WHEREAS, construction of an interchange at the NM 599/CR62 is identified as the
22	first priority in the NMDOT Final Project Prioritization Plan for the NM599 Corridor and
23	has already been constructed; and
24	WHEREAS, since the relief route was completed in 2000, the NMDOT has completed
25	some upgrades to make the intersection of NM 599/Via Veteranos (CR70 Connector) safer: and

1	WHEREAS, in 2011, NMDOT installed flashing beacons on NM 599/Via Veteranos
2	(CR70 Connector) intersection; and
3	WHEREAS, there have been numerous crashes in the last year at the intersection
4	of NM 599/Via Veteranos (CR70 Connector), despite the flashing lights; and
5	WHEREAS, on December 20, 2014, a fatal vehicle accident occurred at the intersection
6	of NM 599/Via Veteranos (CR70 Connector); and
7	WHEREAS, Table 6-1 of the Santa Fe Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2010-2035 -
8	October 2010 lists construction of a new interchange at NM 599/Via Veteranos (CR70
9	Connector) as being needed in the short/medium term which means the improvements need to be
10	implemented within five to ten years; and
11	WHEREAS, Table 7-2 of the Santa Fe Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2010-2035 –
12	October 2010 lists the timing based on fiscal constraints for the construction of a new interchange
13	at NM 599/Via Veteranos (CR70 Connector) in approximately 2021-2025; and
14	WHEREAS, the NMDOT is the lead agency for the NM 599/Via Veteranos (CR70
15	Connector) interchange project and has projected funding for the project to be \$8,000,000; and
16	WHEREAS, such funding will pay for the preliminary engineering and new interchange
17	construction.
18	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
19	CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body hereby urges the NMDOT, in the interest of
20	public safety, to secure the necessary funding to expedite the construction of the NM 599/Via
21	Veteranos (CR70 Connector) Interchange Project.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is directed to forward a copy of this
23	resolution to the Santa Fe MPO and the NMDOT.
24	PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11 th day of February, 2015.
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JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

5 ATTEST:

7 Golanda y Vigil, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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