



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA'S APPLICATION FOR A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUILD PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of regular meeting, duly published, at the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031, on February 4, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County, New Mexico (the "Board"), is authorized under New Mexico law to take actions that promote the health, safety, welfare, and economic vitality of County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Isleta, a federally recognized Indian tribe located within and adjacent to Valencia County, has submitted an application to the United States Department of Transportation for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development ("BUILD") Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Isleta's BUILD Planning Grant application seeks funding to conduct an Interchange Access Feasibility Study along Interstate 25 at approximately mile marker 205, an area that borders the Village of Los Lunas and lies within Valencia County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Interchange Access Feasibility Study will evaluate the need, feasibility, and conceptual design options for a potential new interstate interchange intended to improve regional mobility, safety, and connectivity for the Pueblo of Isleta, Valencia County residents, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed study constitutes a necessary first step toward compliance with the Federal Highway Administration's Interstate Access Policy and is intended to ensure that any future access proposal is data-driven, fiscally responsible, and operationally sound; and

WHEREAS, improved interstate access and transportation connectivity within Valencia County supports public safety, emergency response, workforce mobility, economic development, and coordinated land use planning; and

WHEREAS, the proposed study is consistent with adopted tribal, local, and regional transportation and land use plans and complements existing planning frameworks established by the Pueblo of Isleta, Valencia County, the Village of Los Lunas, and regional planning organizations; and

WHEREAS, Valencia County has an interest in supporting intergovernmental and interjurisdictional cooperation on transportation initiatives that enhance quality of life and promote orderly and intentional development within the County; and

WHEREAS, Valencia County is prepared to provide reasonable coordination, technical assistance, and collaboration, as appropriate, to support the successful completion of the proposed feasibility study should the BUILD Planning Grant be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, that the Board hereby expresses its formal support for the Pueblo of Isleta's application to the United States Department of Transportation for a BUILD Planning Grant to conduct an Interchange Access Feasibility Study along Interstate 25 at approximately mile marker 205.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds the proposed project to be consistent with the County's transportation, safety, and economic development interests and to offer potential benefits to both the Pueblo of Isleta and the residents of Valencia County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Valencia County affirms its willingness to cooperate and coordinate, as appropriate, with the Pueblo of Isleta and other relevant agencies in connection with the proposed study, subject to applicable law and availability of resources.

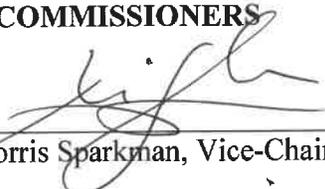
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to obligate Valencia County to expend County funds or to commit the County to construction of any future interchange or transportation facility.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



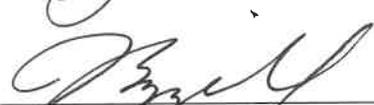
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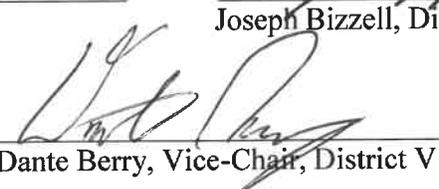
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