CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-__

A RESOLUTION

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
RELEASE FUNDING FOR THE US HIGHWAYS 70, 285 AND 599, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE
THAT THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION RESCIND EXISTING WIPP ROUTE
DESIGNATIONS.

WHEREAS, the federal funding for improvements to US highways 70, 285 and 599 is
presently needed for critical improvements to protect the health safety and welfare of the
citizens of Santa Fe and Las Cruces; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has been informed that said funding may be withheld
by the Department of Energy due to a dispute with the New Mexico State Environment
Department; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD)
had been scheduled to bid certain of the improvements by March 8, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Absent funding from the federal government, NMSHTD does not have the
present funds to continue with planned improvements to US highways 70, 285 and 599; and
WHEREAS, the governing body deems the present situation to be an emergency due to the risk of injury to the public which is likely to occur if the improvements are not built as scheduled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that:

Section 1. The governing body declares the present situation to be an emergency.

Section 2. The City of Santa Fe implores Bill Richardson and the Department of Energy to release the federal funds so that the improvements to US 70, 285 and 599 can be built as scheduled.

Section 3. In the alternative the City of Santa Fe respectfully requests that the State Highway Commission rescind its designation of WIPP Routes.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ___ day of ________, 2000.

LARRY A. DELGADO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK A. BASHAM, CITY ATTORNEY