

RESOLUTION 2006 –09

**SUPPORTING THE FUNDING AND PHASED CONSTRUCTION
OF THE US HIGHWAY 180 PROJECT
FROM 14TH STREET TO THE 32ND STREET BYPASS**

WHEREAS, The New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Town of Silver City have identified a project on US Highway 180 between 14th Street and 32nd Street Bypass, which is in need of safety, pavement, drainage and signalization improvements; and

WHEREAS, The New Mexico Department of Transportation, with extensive public input has been diligently planning and designing the US Highway 180 project for numerous years and is currently in the final design phase; and

WHEREAS, The District One office of the New Mexico Department of Transportation was recently notified that their current construction budget was decreased by \$19,000,000 and would have to take the necessary actions to comply with their current funding levels; and

WHEREAS, The District One office has had to delay, eliminate, or phase projects programmed into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for District One; and

WHEREAS, the District One office proposes to phase the US Highway 180 project, with Phase I construction to occur in Fiscal Year 2007 and Phase II to follow. Phase I construction will occur on US Highway 180 from 14th Street to East of the Rosedale Road intersection at a cost of \$8.3 million dollars and Phase II construction will begin east of the Rosedale Road intersection to the 32nd Street Bypass, with approximately \$3 million dollars available for Phase II construction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Silver City hereby endorses and supports the phasing of the US Highway 180 project and the available funds for construction.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the governing body of the Town of Silver City at its meeting of February 28, 2006.

(SEAL)

/s/ *Terry Fortenberry*

Terry Fortenberry, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ *Jane Toomajanian*

Jane Toomajanian, Town Clerk