

RESOLUTION 2006-06

TO JOIN THE *SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT* AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE DISTRICT BY APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER AND DESIGNEE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The purpose of the TOWN OF SILVER CITY (hereinafter, The Town) in participating in organizing the *SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT* is to:

1. Provide all residents and visitors with a choice of transportation options to access the goods, services, and activities offered in the community; and
2. Serve the residents and visitors of Your Governmental Unit by providing for the creation of a regional transit district; and
3. Finance, plan, construct, operate, maintain, and promote a regional public transit system.

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of New Mexico has passed, and the Governor has signed into law, the “Regional Transit District Act;” and

WHEREAS, The Town supports public transportation through Grant, Luna and Hidalgo counties for the benefit of its residents and visitors, and seeks to increase mobility options for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, public transportation is a critical component of a multimodal transportation system; and

WHEREAS, statewide, multimodal transportation systems improve access to education and jobs and provide a foundation for New Mexico’s economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, expanded public transit services help rural and urban New Mexico optimize available regional services; and

WHEREAS, a statewide connection of regional transit districts would improve local and state mobility; and

WHEREAS, regional public transit would enable increased federal and state transit investment in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, multi-jurisdictional transportation systems would protect our environment and enhance energy efficiency, decrease congestion, decrease automobile accidents, reduce noise and air pollution, and improve public health; and

WHEREAS, coordinated regional public transportation would help sustain New Mexico's cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, regional transit districts function to coordinate public transit services and connect all forms of existing and proposed surface transportation services among different levels of government and jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, improved public transportation service in New Mexico would extend the life of existing roads, highways, and regional transit services and protect current and future investment in the state's transportation infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY shall join the ***SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT*** as a voting member of the District by participating in the drafting of an Intergovernmental Contract establishing the District, and any other relevant documents affecting the legal status of the District.

The Town recognizes that this action may lead to the certification of the ***SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT*** by the New Mexico Transportation Commission as a legally formed regional transit district as set forth in NMSA 1978, Chapter 73, Article 25 (2003), (RTD Act), and for that reason states that as a condition of participation therein, the Town resolves that in any contract executed in furtherance of the creation and continuing activities of the RTD, entity voting rights shall be proportionate to entity population. Entity shall mean the governmental body which is a party to a contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Town resolves to participate in the affairs of the District by appointing a Director and a Designee to the Board of Directors and directs the Governmental Unit staff to actively work toward establishing funding for said District in order to deliver ongoing regional public transit services.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of February 2006.

Terry Fortenberry, Mayor

Attest:

Jane Toomajian, Town Clerk