

RESOLUTION NUMBER 96-47

NOMINATING THE ABO PASS TRAIL FOR DESIGNATION IN THE
NEW MEXICO SCENIC AND HISTORIC BYWAYS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) establishes a national scenic byways program; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD) has developed the New Mexico Scenic and Historic Byways Program to designate certain roads and highways for purposes of the national scenic byways program; and

WHEREAS, nominations for scenic and historic routes are being requested by the NMSHTD to be transmitted through the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments which is the designated Regional Planning Organization for transportation planning in the area of the Abo Pass Trail; and

WHEREAS, a touring route focused on the Abo Pass Trail is partially situated within southwestern Torrance County as indicated on the map which is attached and made a part of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, features of the Abo Pass Trail include scenic, historic, recreational, educational, cultural, and archaeological characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation has made funding available each year for improvements to highways which have been designated as scenic byways; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Torrance County to seek such funding in order to promote tourism and recreational travel in Torrance County.

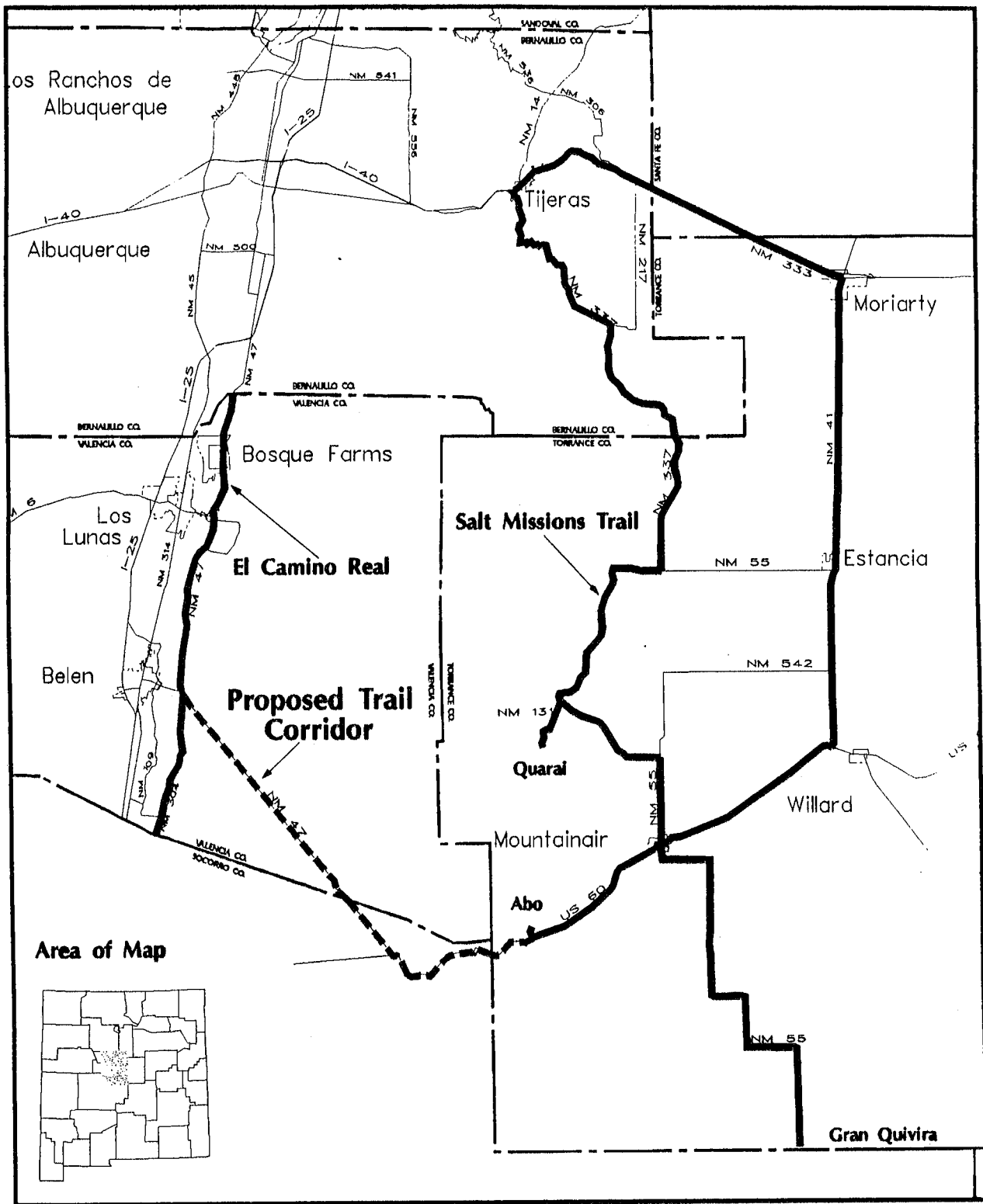
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of
Torrance County that:

1. the Abo Pass Trail is hereby nominated for designation in the New Mexico Scenic and Historic Byways Program; and
2. the Torrance County government will serve as the route sponsor for that portion of the Abo Pass Trail situated within Torrance County, and as such, will be responsible for any future applications for grant funding assistance to improve the Abo Pass Trail as a Scenic and Historic Byway.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 12 day of June, 1996, by the
Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County.

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Abo Pass Trail

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