

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-30

ENDORISING AND SUPPORTING
GOVERNOR RICHARDSON'S INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (GRIP)

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2003, Governor Bill Richardson, joined by Secretary of Transportation Rhonda Faught, and the New Mexico Transportation Commission, announced a bold, innovative new plan to upgrade and improve highways throughout the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the new program is called GRIP - Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership; and

WHEREAS, since signing legislation creating the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Governor Richardson has promoted the development of a broad based, multimodal transportation plan to include, light rail, commuter rail, park and ride, airport improvements, bike paths and hiking trails; and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson has stressed that transportation decisions the State of New Mexico makes in the next year will impact the potential economic development and quality of life of New Mexicans for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson has called for a balanced approach that invests in multiple transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the central part of GRIP is a \$1.4 billion funding program that uses bonding, pay-as-you-go, and other financing programs to pay for 41 highway reconstruction projects statewide over an eight-year period; and

WHEREAS, this is a well-researched, comprehensive, statewide highway reconstruction plan that addresses the critical infrastructure needs throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, GRIP benefits all New Mexicans from Farmington to Jal to Raton to Lordsburg; from Portales to Gallup to Chama to Las Cruces; and

WHEREAS, virtually every county in New Mexico is touched by this plan; and

WHEREAS, this is not just a highway reconstruction plan but an investment plan to move New Mexico forward and make the State competitive economically in the region and in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, according to the Road Information project in Washington, D.C. when fully implemented, this infrastructure plan will result in the creation of 63,000 new jobs in New Mexico and have a \$8.3 billion economic impact on the State.

WHEREAS, the County of Torrance supports any legislation that will result in obtaining necessary funds required to accomplish completion of projects in GRIP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Governing Body of the County of Torrance that the undersigned members of the Torrance County Commission endorse GRIP - Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership, for transportation in the State of New Mexico.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of October, 2003 at Estancia, New Mexico.



Chester Riley, Chairman

ATTEST:



