

RESOLUTION 2026-12

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FUTURE INTERSTATE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR HEARTLAND EXPRESSWAY, THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXPRESS, AND A PORTION OF PORTS-TO-PLAINS HIGH PRIORITY CORRIDORS.

WHEREAS, Congress designated the Ports-to-Plains Corridor in Texas and New Mexico as Future Interstate 27; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation published the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study Advisory Committee Report on October 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, current Feasibility Study trends address greater potential including metrics improving connectivity, safety, and mobility; improving travel time and reduce travel time cost; improving freight movement; increasing access to markets for energy and agricultural products; alleviating congestion and improving reliability; facilitating the flow of goods and international trade; creating jobs and economic opportunities; and increasing and expanding the local tax base and state sales tax revenues, than historically used metrics; and

WHEREAS, the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study Advisory Committee Report data showed Corridor annual travel cost savings of \$4.1 billion, annual increase in GDP of \$2.2 billion, and increase in employment of 17,710 for the agriculture, energy, and warehousing industries; and

WHEREAS, the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study Advisory Committee Report data showed a Return on Investment of 76% or \$17.8 billion; and Benefit Cost Ratio / Net Present Value of 2.4 or \$39.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study Advisory Committee Report data showed that development of a Future Interstate Highway in Texas would improve safety and reduce crash rates, leading to approximately 8 percent fewer fatal collisions, 7 percent fewer injury collisions, and 11 percent fewer property damage crashes throughout the corridor each year. These safety improvements result in \$457 million in annual safety benefits according to the TxDOT estimates in addition to saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study Advisory Committee Report results helped the State of Texas and the Texas Department of Transportation to support Future Interstate Designation in Texas; and

WHEREAS, North-South Interstates are a significant distance from the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway: to the west it is 670 miles between U.S. 85 and Interstate 15 and to the east it is over 480 miles between U.S. 85 and Interstate 29; and

WHEREAS, the Heartland Expressway is 648 miles between NE 71 and Interstate 29; and

WHEREAS, the Ports-to-Plains Corridor is 775 miles between U.S 287 and Interstates 29 and 35; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Future Interstate Highway Corridor shared major industries that are reliant on agriculture, energy, tourism and trade.

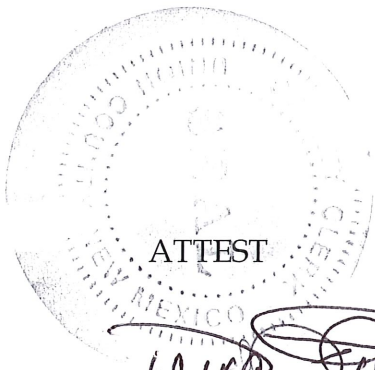
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Section 1. That Union County supports efforts to complete a Future Interstate Feasibility Study in Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Montana.

Section 2. This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

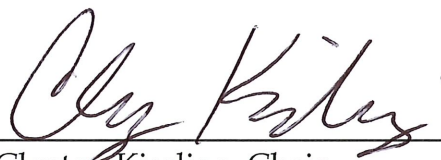
Section 3. If any portion or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such portion or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution, the intention being that the same are severable.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 9th day of September, 2025.

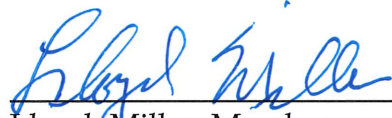


ATTEST


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