

## RESOLUTION NO. 04-32

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO STABILIZE FUNDING FOR THE STATE AVIATION DIVISION OF THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

**Whereas**, Roswell depends heavily on Federal Aviation Administration funding of airport improvement projects; and

**Whereas**, the amount of grants available to Roswell also depends on the budget amount the State Aviation Division has to match as a percentage of the Federal monies; and

**Whereas**, the State Aviation Division income varies annually based on changing tax revenue on fuel, aircraft registration, and requests to the New Mexico Transportation Commission from the NMDOT Road Fund; and

**Whereas**, with a stable source of income that could be counted on and budgeted for every year, the Division would be able to better forecast and to leverage more projects for the entire state; and

**Whereas**, State revenues of \$5 million derived from the estimated \$49 million in gross receipts tax generated from aviation businesses in New Mexico alone could more than double the ability of the Aviation Division to leverage FAA grants at 95%, from the current \$20 million per year to approximately \$40 million; and

**Whereas**, the increase in Federal projects in Roswell could generate jobs, gross receipts tax, improve the airport and promote economic development by attracting industry to Roswell, and

**Whereas**, other states in the FAA Southwest Region receive from 50% to 300% more in Federal Airport Improvement Grants than does New Mexico due to the amount of revenue their aviation divisions in these other states receive.

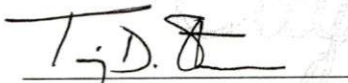
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Roswell that it strongly supports New Mexico legislation to stabilize the State Aviation Division revenue to \$5 million annually to obtain increased FAA funding for airport projects.


ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED on this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER 2004.

CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

CITY SEAL

ATTEST:

  
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Timothy D. Stoessel  
City Clerk

  
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Bill B. Owen  
Mayor