

RESOLUTION NO. 2303

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF NEW MEXICO'S HIGHWAYS; ACCEPTING THE USE OF NEW TAX REVENUE FOR STATE HIGHWAYS; AND REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE ACT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR THE NEEDED HIGHWAY REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico's highways have deteriorated and are presently in need of extensive immediate repairs and improvements in order to adequately serve the citizens of the state, and

**WHEREAS**, there is presently not enough money available to permit the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department to address the immediate highway repair needs and provide the needed improvements to the state's highways, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Citizen Highway Assessment Task Force researched the highway needs throughout the state and researched funding options and the public's willingness to participate in funding essential highway repair and improvement including the improvement of U. S. Highway 70 to provide a four lane highway through southeast New Mexico, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Roswell recognizes the manifest need for immediate repair and improvement of New Mexico highways and supports the proposed expansion and improvement of U. S. Highway 70 and recognizes the fundamental equity of highway users being the principal source of money to maintain and improve highways, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Roswell desires to declare its support for the proposals of the Governor's Citizen Highway Assessment Task Force and to acknowledge its acceptance of the need to provide new funding by imposition of new taxes on highway users so the state's highways can adequately serve highway users.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY THE CITY COUNCIL, OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**, that the City of Roswell hereby announces its support for the report of highway needs compiled by the Governor's Citizen Highway Assessment Task Force, including the improvement of U. S. Highway 70 and the improvement of U. S. Highway 285 south from Santa Fe, through Roswell, to the state border and further, that the City of Roswell accepts the need for new funding from excise taxes imposed on highway users as well as from new and additional taxes to secure adequate resources for the needed highway repairs and improvements. The City of Roswell requests the New Mexico Legislature carefully consider the Task Force report and note the extensive needs documented in the report and act to provide sufficient revenue to address those needs in a timely and prudent fashion.

**ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED** the 22nd day of January, 1996.

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THOMAS E. JENNINGS, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Ruth A. May, City Clerk