## 1 SANTA FE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION 2 TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD 3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-1** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 A RESOLUTION ADVANCING COMPLETE STREETS FOR THE SANTA FE METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA. 11 12 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization promotes a multi-modal, 13 14 regional transportation system that is safe, energy and fiscally efficient, maximizes community 15 connectivity, serves the mobility needs of all citizens, and exists in harmony with the 16 environment. In accordance with the Santa Fe Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Santa Fe 17 MPO promotes transportation improvements that encourage walking, bicycling and transit use 18 while promoting safe operations for all users; and 19 WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are roadways designed to accommodate safe access for 20 all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities are able to 21 safely move along and across Complete Streets; and WHEREAS, Complete Streets principles have been and continue to be adopted nation-22 23 wide at state, county, MPO, and city levels in the interest of proactive planning and adherence to 24 federal regulations that guide transportation planning organizations to promote multi-modal

transportation options and accessibility for all users; and

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WHEREAS, one of the most commonly voiced transportation concerns from the public regards the perceived danger of bicycling and walking in Santa Fe. Public input has repeatedly requested improved conditions and facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, according to national highway statistics more than one quarter of all trips are one mile or less – and almost half are less than five miles. Most of those trips are now made by car. Streets that provide travel choices give people the option to avoid traffic congestion and increase the overall capacity of the transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Medicine recommends fighting childhood obesity by changing ordinances to encourage construction of sidewalks, bikeways, and other places for physical activity. A report of the National Conference of State Legislators found that the most effective policy avenue for encouraging bicycling and walking is Complete Streets; and

WHEREAS, facilities that follow Complete Streets principles complement and enhance ongoing Share the Road awareness and planning efforts by the City of Santa Fe Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee as well as safety education and enforcement initiatives such as pedestrian safety awareness campaigns directed by Santa Fe Trails, the Santa Fe Walks study, New Mexico Bicycle Coalition training courses, Safe Kids NM, and programs such as Santa Fe Crossing Guards, and Safe Routes to School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian and transit needs should be given full consideration in the planning and development of transportation facilities in the Santa Fe metropolitan planning area. Bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian, and transit facilities should be established by ordinance in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any transportation facility in accordance with Complete Streets principles. The Santa Fe MPO staff will work with City and County land use and public works departments, Regional Planning Authority staff, and related advisory

1	committees to collaboratively designate common Complete Streets specifications that are
2	consistent across jurisdictions for regionally significant roadways.
3	PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 16 <sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.
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