

**RESOLUTION 2008-04**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A REQUEST TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SIGNAGE AND RAISED  
PAVEMENT MARKERS ON U.S. HIGHWAY 180 WEST  
APPROACHING ALABAMA STREET**

**CO-SPONSORED BY COUNCILORS THOMAS A. NUPP AND STEVE MAY**

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Highway 180 West is a State owned and maintained roadway which passes through heavily populated areas within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Silver City; and

**WHEREAS**, the western approach of U.S. Highway 180 West into the Town requires motorists to navigate a significant downhill slope, passing through residential intersections heavily utilized by the local motoring and bicycling public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Silver City recognizes that the Department of Transportation is charged by the State to maintain U.S. Highway 180 in a safe condition, with due consideration for those who use and are affected by said highway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Silver City has determined, after public input and staff investigation, that vehicular traffic making said western approach to the Town on U.S. Highway 180 West has a tendency to speed through the residential neighborhoods bordering the highway, increasing the potential for serious harm to both person and property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has the responsibility of taking reasonable steps to protect the health, welfare, and safety of its inhabitants and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has determined that the installation of signage and raised pavement markers at and along the highway's western approach to the Town, including

appropriate signage and lights in the vicinity of the highway's intersection with Alabama Street, would tend to reduce the potential of accidents and the consequential harm to persons and property;

**BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE,** that the Town Council of the Town of Silver City petitions the State of New Mexico, Department of Transportation, to make the necessary modifications to the referenced portion of U.S. Highway 180 West which would likely result in an increase of the public safety, including appropriate signage and roadway modifications intended to alert motorists that they were entering congested and heavily populated neighborhoods. The Town Manager is hereby charged with delivering this resolution to the appropriate authorities, and to impress upon those authorities the needs described herein.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 12th day of February, 2008.

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James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

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Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk