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February 10, 2010

Mr. Tom M. Trujillo Highway Equipment Manager P.O. Box 1149 Suite Fleet Management Bureau Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Dear Mr. Trujillo,

Once again Torrance County for the FY 2010/2011 is requesting up to \$25,000 from the Local Governments Road Fund Program, to be used to purchase used equipment from the New Mexico Department of Transportation Department through the emergency rule action pursuant to State Highway Commission SHTD 93-5 Amendment 1, allowing counties who show hardship to expend these monies towards used trucks and or heavy equipment.

Needed pickups and or heavy equipment listed below are:

1. Pick-ups, all at 200,000 miles or more. The two newest pickups 1998's,

2. (2) Tractor's with trailer (semi's/belly dumps at 20 yards) are needed for transporting material.

3. (2) Tractor mowers for mowing chip seal roadways. Torrance County has an estimated 75.0 miles of chipseal roadways.

4. (2) Dump Trucks are needed for transporting material.

Please note that a high percentage of pickups and equipment that Torrance County owns, at some point was purchased from the New Mexico Department of Transportation on financial hardship monies.

The Torrance County Road Department each fiscal year is allocated funding for three cooperative agreements between the New Mexico Department of Transportation and Torrance County for roadway construction (pit run and or chip seal projects) on our county designated roadways for maintenance.

Above listed equipment is vital in allowing our county to provide construction roadwork that is necessary for the public health, safety and general welfare for all traveling our roadways.

We would like to request certification from the Department of Finance, which will verify that the County of Torrance qualifies for this financial hardship.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

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Sincerely

Jim Prøst

County Commission/Chairman

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RESOLUTION#2010-09

Whereas

the 42^{nd} New Mexico State Legislature has provided up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) of the Local Governments Road Fund to be expanded in the FY10/11 for the purchase of New Mexico Department of Transportation

surplus equipment for local governments, and

Whereas

it is our understanding that if a county can prove financial hardship, they may be approved for an amount of up to

\$25,000 towards highway equipment, and

Whereas

the County of Torrance continues to experience financial

hardship, and

Whereas

the Department of Finance & Administration, Local Government Division, will certify to the financial hardship of our county and the need for financial

assistance, and

Now therefore,

the governing body of the County of Torrance is hereby requesting the financial assistance offered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation so as to purchase used highway equipment, through the emergency rule action pursuant to State Highway Commission in accordance with the New Mexico Legislature House Bill SHTD Emergency

Rule 93.5 Amendment 1.

PASSES, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED, this 10 th Day of February, 2010 at Estancia, Torrance County, New Mexico.

TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION

Wenessa Chavez-Gutierrez, Member