

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2021

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, TO REPAIR AND REPAVE/RESURFACE NEW MEXICO (N.M.) STATE HIGHWAY 371 FROM THOREAU TO FARMINGTON

WHEREAS:

- A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget resolutions, and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to assist and coordinate all requests for information, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 701 (A)(4), 701 (A)(6).
- C. The Resources and Development Committee shall exercise oversight authority over roads and transportation and to oversee planning and coordinating of all roads and transportation activities of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 500 (C)(6).
- D. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the state of New Mexico.

FINDINGS:

- A. N.M. Highway 371 is a public highway that originates from Interstate 40, Thoreau, N.M. to Farmington, N.M. and spans 109 miles in length.
- B. N.M. Highway 371 is a primary transportation route for general motor vehicles for the communities of Crownpoint and surrounding area.
- C. N.M. Highway 371 is a primary transportation route for commercial trucks delivering goods and services to, and beyond the Four Corners region.


- D. N.M. Highway 371 is also a primary transportation route delivering goods and services from the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI).
- E. N.M. Highway 371, and due to the high amount of heavy commercial motor vehicle traffic, has caused the road to deteriorate and is dire need of repair, repaving, or resurfacing.
- F. The Smith Lake Chapter is a duly recognized and certified local government of the Navajo Nation Government. 26 N.N.C. § 1.
- G. The Smith Lake Chapter supports the repair and resurfacing of N.M. Highway 371 as the uneven surface and potholes cause wear and tear of personal vehicles, emergency vehicles, and other motoring traffic. See Smith Lake Chapter Resolution SLC 01-2021-005 as **Exhibit A**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby respectfully requests that New Mexico Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham, advocate on behalf of the Great Navajo Nation, to repair and repave/resurface New Mexico State Highway 371 from Thoreau to Farmington, New Mexico; to enhance the safety and welfare of citizens, visitors, and travelers of the Great Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 21 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 18th day of March 2021.


Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

03/25/21

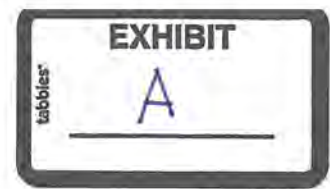
Date

Motion: Honorable Vince R. James
Second: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.

Chairman Seth Damon not voting



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Myron Lizer, Vice President

RESOLUTION OF THE SMITH LAKE CHAPTER
No. SLC 01-2021-005

Requesting New Mexico Department of Transportation to resurface approximately 109 miles of State Road 371 from the Interstate 40 (I-40), Thoreau, New Mexico to Farmington, New Mexico.

WHEREAS:

1. Smith Lake Chapter is a duly recognized and certified local government of the Navajo Nation Government, pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Local Governance Act, under Section 1. whereas the Navajo Nation Council delegates to Chapters governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition. Including and other enactments stated within this law.
2. This New Mexico State Roads 371 is the main artery and the only north and south route which connects Farmington, NM, Gallup, NM, Grants, NM and Albuquerque, NM. The communities of Thoreau, Smith Lake, Crownpoint, Becenti, Lake Valley, Whiter Rock, Huerfano and Navajo Agricultural Product Industries, and emergency vehicles basically use this highway, and
3. The highway also serves two major Public Schools, Primary Schools, Middle Schools, High Schools and Community Colleges with student commuting daily. The Indian Health Service hospitals in Crownpoint and the San Juan Regional Hospital routinely utilizes the highway, and
4. The daily traffic count of private owned vehicles, commerce transport and other traffic will be enormous and it's unfortunate the uneven surface, potholes, patches cause liability and wear/tear to the vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT:

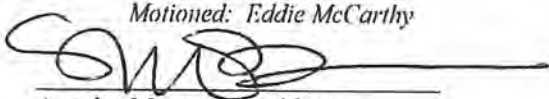
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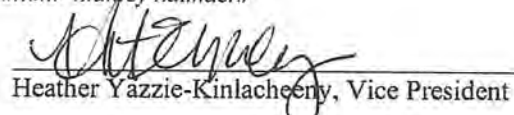
CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting at Smith Lake Chapter, Navajo Nation, New Mexico at which a quorum was present, and that same was passed by a vote of 08 in favor, 00 opposed, and 09 abstained on this 12th day of January 2021.

Motioned: Eddie McCarthy

Second the motion: Stanley Saunders


Anselm Morgan, President


Heather Yazzie-Kinlacheeny, Vice President

Malissa Hill-Begay, Pro-Tempore Secretary/Treasurer

Anselm Morgan, President

Heather Yazzie-Kinlacheeny, Vice President
Anthony Begay, Land Board

Vacant, Secretary Treasurer

NAVAJO NATION

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Special Meeting

3/18/2021

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SEC Stewart, W	State of New Mexico, Michelle	
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Yeas : 21

Nays : 0

Excused : 2

Not Voting : 0

Yea : 21

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Brown	James, V	Tso, C	Wauneka, E
Charles-Newton	Nez, R	Tso, D	Yellowhair
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Nay : 0

Excused : 2

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Not Voting : 0

Presiding Speaker: Damon