North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD)

Resolution No. 2017-15

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE FOUR COUNTY MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (NCRTD) AMEND THE DATES FOR AN ELECTION REGARDING THE SUNSET OF THE EXISTING DISTRICT GROSS RECEIPTS TAX INCREMENT

WHEREAS, the Governing body in and for the NCRTD relies upon revenue generated from a County Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) authorized pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 7-20E-23 (the "GRT"); and

WHEREAS, the GRT is essential to the continued operation of the District at current service levels; and

WHEREAS, the GRT is also essential to the services of other transit providers in the region who receive significant portions of the GRT to fund their operations; and

WHEREAS, the District has adopted a Long Range Strategic Plan for the funding and implementation of District activities; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Strategic Plan calls for removal of the 2024 sunset on the existing GRT tax; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Strategic Plan also calls for the District to engage the public and assess the support for the existing and potential future taxes which may support continuation or enhancement of transit services within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors requires the assistance of its four County members in order to implement its long term strategic plan objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors would like to place the removal of the sunset provision in the existing GRT on the 2018 general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors respectfully requests the support and assistance of the four County members of the District by changing the election dates contained in their four County ordinances imposing the GRT to permit an election as early as 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the NCRTD Board of Directors that:

1. The Board of Directors of the NCRTD hereby requests that the County Commissions/Council for Taos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe and Los Alamos counties amend their respective ordinances, no later than August 2017 so that the District
can have sufficient time to commence other actions related to a future election as follows:

“Section 6. Repeal or Reauthorization. This ordinance No. ____ (if it becomes law) will be repealed effective January 1, 2024 unless a reauthorization election for continuation of the Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax is held and approved at a general or special election prior to January 1, 2024, for a term and rate to be determined at that time.”

2. District staff is directed to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to assess public support for the ballot question and for any continued or enhanced revenue to support District activities.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT ON THIS 5th DAY OF MAY 2017.

Daniel Barrone, Chairman

Approved as to form:

Peter Dwyer, Counsel