





# CITY OF SANTA FE

## Memorandum

**Date:** May 15, 2025

**To:** Public Works and Utilities Committee; Quality of Life Committee; Governing Body

**From:** Jennifer Morrow, PE, Complete Streets Division Director 

**Via:** Regina Wheeler, Director of Public Works 

**RE:** Cerro Gordo Bridge Weight Limitations

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This resolution establishes a weight limit for vehicles using the Cerro Gordo Bridge, No. 8838 (“Bridge”), specifying that vehicle weight shall not to exceed fifteen (15) tons until repairs to the Bridge are made. As is consistent with NMSA 1987, Section 66-7-415, the limitation will be effective when “signs are erected and maintained and notice given in writing to the nearest officer or employee of the New Mexico state police division of department of public safety authorized to issue special permits.” As such, the City will forward a copy of this resolution to the New Mexico Motor Transportation Department and will install weight limitation signs appropriately and conspicuously in advance of the Bridge. Once effective, a violation of the weight limit will be a misdemeanor, punishable by the penalties in NMSA1987, Section 66-87. Lastly, the resolution specifies that upon completion of repairs, the City shall notify the New Mexico Department of Transportation that the repairs have been completed, shall remove the signs, and full access to the Bridge shall be restored.

### BACKGROUND:

The State of New Mexico provides the City with bridge inspection reports. The Bridge was identified as needing repair. Staff proceeded with an assessment of the Bridge’s condition in order to develop a repair plan. The assessment found that the weight of vehicles crossing the Bridge should be limited to a maximum weight of 15 tons until repairs are completed. Staff are developing a design and cost estimate for those repairs. Once the design and cost estimate are completed, City staff shall develop a repair plan. Once repairs are made, City staff will remove the weight limitation signs and full access to the Bridge will be restored. All City departments have been notified of the weight restriction on the Bridge. The weight restriction does not interfere with operations at the Canyon Road Water Treatment Plant, Nichols Dam construction project, garbage collection, or first responder services.



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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution

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Cerro Gordo Bridge - Field Observation Report

Cerro Gordo Bridge - Ariel Photo and Map of Bridge