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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Lujan, B. LAST UPDATED 03/05/09 HM 57

SHORT TITLE Federal Funds for Transportation Projects SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Moser

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 57 requests to designate regional transit district capital project needs as appropriate projects for funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and to present the North Central Regional Transit District's bus facility and bus projects to the State Transportation Commission and the Governor for funding out of New Mexico's portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

House Memorial 57 resolves that the North Central Regional Transit District has conformed to and complied with all legislative processes necessary to make it eligible for this federal funding, and that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the Governor, the commissioners of the State Transportation Commission, the Secretary of Transportation and the New Mexico congressional delegation.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMDOT reports that it is estimated to receive \$12.3 million in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Non-urban Transit Capital Assistance funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. NMDOT has received \$32.9 million in requests from 29 eligible applicants for these funds. Three of these applicants are Regional Transit Districts. NMDOT

indicates that significant reductions will need to be made to requests in order to fit into the preliminary funding/budget envelope for (FTA) Nonurban Transit Capital Assistance funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

NMDOT indicates that the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) originally requested \$5.8 million in total funds --\$3 million for a bus facility, and \$2.8 million for transit vehicles. The NCRTD has since reduced that request to \$3.2 million as the result of federal budget becoming available for a portion of these projects. Additionally, two other Regional Transit Districts have submitted requests for these funds: South West Regional Transit District for \$398.7 thousand and Rio Metro Regional Transit District for \$3.5 million.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

NMDOT reports that a briefing of NCRTD's FTA Nonurban Transit Capital Assistance funds request was given to the State Transportation Commission on 2/26/09 by NCRTD staff. All requests and a preliminary recommendation for funding under this program for the twenty-nine eligible applicants, including all Regional Transit Districts, were brought before the State Transportation Commission on 2/26/09.

NMDOT has recently provided \$100 thousand in FTA planning funds to NCRTD to be matched at a 50:50 ratio in order to assist NCRTD in making their bus facility project ready for construction. The request for proposals (RFP) for the final design of this facility was let February 15, 2009. In order to utilize FTA Nonurban Transit Capital Assistance funds, proposed facilities must complete all federal environmental and design clearances to be ready for construction. NMDOT has yet to receive final design documents from NCRTD or environmental clearance documents from FTA or NCRTD. Once these documents are cleared by FTA for the facility, a portion of the funding under this program may be able to be awarded to NCRTD.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Regional Transit District's providing public transportation and serving nonurban areas in New Mexico are eligible applicants for these funds, and needs of all eligible applicants are being evaluated for a final recommendation.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

NMDOT indicates that there will be no impact. All Regional Transit Districts are being considered for funding under this program, as are the needs of all eligible applicants for a final funding recommendation.

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