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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/19/09

SPONSOR HTPWC LAST UPDATED _____ HM 89/HTPWCS

SHORT TITLE Valencia County Railway Overpass 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 HTPWC Substitute

House Transportation and Public Works Committee Substitute for House Memorial 89 requests that NMDOT assist Valencia County to identify potential funding sources for the design and construction of an overpass over the BNSF railroad on State Route 109 just south of Lazy Lane near Jarales in Valencia County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMDOT indicates that the construction of the railroad overpass at State Route 109 is feasible and would have benefits regarding public safety and vehicular traffic delays and that a feasibility and need study is not necessary to reach these conclusions. NMDOT notes that the limiting factor in constructing such railroad overpasses is the availability of State, federal and private railroad funds to design and build these projects. Through this memorial NMDOT would assist Valencia County in identifying funding to accomplish this project.

A similar railroad overpass project at Aragon Road, 2.55 miles north on the same rail line, was constructed at a total cost of \$6.8 million in FY2008. NMDOT annually receives approximately \$1.5 million of federal funds that may be used for railroad grade crossing safety improvements. The use of these funds is regulated by federal funding criteria and a priority listing that is developed by NMDOT and private railroad companies in New Mexico. NMDOT indicates that the State Route 109 overpass is not included among the priority projects that will be built with these federal funds. There are no State funds available for this project in the NMDOT proposed FY 2010 budget.

RELATIONSHIP

Relationship with HB 142.

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