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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lopez ORIGINAL DATE 2/16/2009
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Improve Road Stripe Visibility SM 24
ANALYST Moser

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$1.0		\$1.0	Non-Recurring	State Road Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 24 requests that NMDOT explore and utilize lane delineation techniques within Bernalillo County that will enhance the visibility and reflectivity of roadway stripes in all climate conditions and that NMDOT conduct a study and come up with strategies to manage traffic within Interstate and State roadways in Bernalillo County, including managed lanes and ramp metering.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMDOT indicates that funds within the department's operating budget are not available to implement this memorial due to declining state road fund revenue.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Memorial 24 requires the development of specifications and/or drawings for the proposed pavement striping materials. Implementation of this bill, with accompanying funds, would allow NMDOT to implement best practice techniques to improve the visibility of roadways during night time driving and during inclement weather.

NMDOT indicates that with respect to the memorial's objective of reducing recurring congestion within Bernalillo County and developing strategies to manage congestion for the foreseeable future that there are studies being done on several corridors within Bernalillo County that already are addressing Traffic Demand Management Strategies. Additionally, the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) program in the area is developing strategies to manage congestion in Bernalillo County.

ALTERNATIVES

Continue current practice of using durable pavement marking material such as epoxy paint and thermoplastic. While such material is durable, it does not provide for all weather reflectivity. Current studies and future funds programming will focus on traffic demand management strategies that could be implemented to achieve the same goals. Continue to evolve Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices to manage traffic congestion in the area.

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