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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Highway 371 Traffic Study SM 28

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

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 28 requests the NMDOT to work with the counties of McKinley and San Juan to consider the necessity and possible phasing of improvements to NM 371 from Thoreau north to Farmington.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMDOT reports that the study itself would have no fiscal implications for the NMDOT if existing information from recent or scheduled studies were used. NMDOT has studied the traffic volumes, accident counts, roadway classification, pavement conditions, roadway striping condition, guardrail condition, bridge ratings, access safety, and funding categories/availability for NM 371. This could be reported as soon as it is evaluated and compiled by the Planning Division.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NM 371 traffic volumes were determined in 2007. NM 371 accident data has been collected and summarized over the past 3 years. NM 371 is classified as a minor arterial rural collector. It is eligible for New Mexico Roadway Maintenance funding; however, the roadway is not eligible for federal funding based on its classification.

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NM 371's roadway evaluation is currently indexed as "good" from mile marker 0.0 to 23.0 (Thoreau to Crownpoint), "poor" from mile marker 23.0 to 47.9 (Crownpoint to San Juan County Line), and "good" from mile marker 47.9 to 61.7 (San Juan County Line to End of District 6).

Pavement Preservation Projects are scheduled for a small portion of the "poor" rated section in 2009 for \$1.3M and chip sealing will be programmed in future years depending on the availability of funding. Roadway evaluations are conducted annually.

Intersection Safety improvements are scheduled at Crownpoint for \$2M in 2010 and Smith Lake for \$1M in 2009. There are no structurally deficient or functionally obsolete bridges reported in District 6 on NM 371. Repairs were completed on the only bridge listed with needs on NM 371 in 2007 in Thoreau. Bridge inspections are conducted annually. Striping on NM 371 is scheduled for 2009 and is evaluated twice annually. Guardrail evaluation and installation was completed on NM 371 in 2008. Guardrail is evaluated on a continual basis.

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