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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Widen Paseo Del Norte BILL NUMBER Senate Bill 81  
ANALYST Torres, Isaiah

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

FY24	FY25	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$11,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From  
Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)  
Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Bill 81

Senate Bill 81 appropriates \$11 million from the general fund to Local Government Division within DFA for the expenditure in fiscal years 2025 through 2027. The purpose is to widen Paseo Del Norte from two lanes to four lanes in northwest Albuquerque in Bernalillo County. The widening of Paseo Del Norte would be done through the acquisition of rights of way, planning, designing, and construction and matching of other state funds.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, or May 15, 2024, if enacted.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$11 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The appropriation spans fiscal years 2025 and 2027; however, the project includes the need to acquire rights of way, planning, designing, and constructing the road, which could take several years to complete. Capital outlay appropriations for transportation projects typically are appropriated for four years, and every year a number of projects request timeline extensions beyond the initial four-year timeframe. In addition, rising construction costs, supply chain issues, and labor shortages are contributing to project delays, forcing entities to reduce project scope and jeopardizing project completion. According to prior information provided by the Department of Transportation, it can take more than a year from project funding to when a project is put out to bid. Therefore, the appropriation timeline may be inadequate for the departments to achieve the intended road expansion and funding may revert while the project is underway.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The appropriation may be too limited in terms of timing and a longer timeline might be needed to ensure project completion. Lacking a longer timeline, DFA might need to request reauthorization of the funds in FY26.

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