

**MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**June 14, 2018
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales, chair, on June 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol.

Present

Rep. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales, Chair
Sen. John Arthur Smith, Vice Chair
Sen. Ron Griggs
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert
Rep. Patricio Ruiloba
Sen. Clemente Sanchez
Sen. Pat Woods

Absent

Rep. David M. Gallegos

Advisory Members

Rep. Harry Garcia
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Rep. Rick Little
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom

Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Rep. Sharon Clahchischilliage
Rep. Bealquin Bill Gomez
Sen. Carroll H. Leavell
Rep. Antonio Maestas
Sen. William H. Payne

Guest Legislator

Sen. Mary Kay Papen

Staff

Mark Edwards, Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Tessa Ryan, Staff Attorney, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

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2018 Interim Work Plan and Meeting Schedule

Mr. Edwards reviewed the subcommittee's proposed work plan and meeting schedule. He summarized each of the topics listed in the work plan and highlighted the following topics.

- Item 3 entails a consideration of various transportation revenue and financing issues, including how the state might collect a user fee on electric vehicles in lieu of a gas tax and options for local governments to raise revenue for roads.
- Item 4 pertains to the various maintenance issues that arise when state roads cross tribal lands or individual Indian allotments.
- Item 7 pertains to issues around autonomous vehicles.
- Item 8 regards the potential to optimize the state as an international commercial logistics hub, including how smaller communities might leverage that statewide status and whether existing infrastructure needs to be upgraded to avoid limiting growth in this sector.

On behalf of the Village of Los Lunas, Luke Otero, a lobbyist for the village who was in the audience, invited the subcommittee to schedule one of its meetings in Los Lunas. On this point, Mr. Edwards noted that the Los Lunas Transportation Center has also extended an invitation for the subcommittee to tour its complex.

Questions and Discussion

In response to Mr. Edwards' summary, members commented on various transportation-related issues. Some members talked about specific areas in the state, including in and around Los Lunas and Albuquerque, that have high levels of traffic congestion, and they remarked on the safety issues that arise when emergency vehicles are impeded by clogged roadways. Also, several members remarked on the inadequacy of current revenues available to satisfy the state's transportation infrastructure needs. Some members noted that municipal and county governments are facing similar challenges, including inadequate revenues to meet transportation needs. On a positive note, a member noted that with the advent of electronic logs for trucks, compliance with the weight distance tax has improved. In the ensuing discussion, members voiced varying opinions on the following topics:

- whether policymakers should focus on large-scale revenue generation to address the needs of the statewide transportation system;
- whether targeting specific economic growth areas of the state, such as the Santa Teresa area, would carry statewide benefits by attracting new businesses;

- whether the use of public-private financing mechanisms would be appropriate for high-congestion areas like the Los Lunas area and the oil-production-heavy southeastern portion of the state to foster road construction; and
- whether the increase in General Fund revenues projected for fiscal year 2020 could be used to restructure the dedicated revenue streams into the State Road Fund and whether some or all of the motor vehicle excise tax could be rededicated to transportation needs.

Members proposed additional topics for the subcommittee to address during the interim and made suggestions about the meeting schedule and locations as follows.

- If the subcommittee meets in Los Lunas, it should consider taking a tour of the Facebook facility there.
- The subcommittee should hear presentations on:
 - (1) public-private partnerships and weight distance tax compliance in the southeastern part of the state;
 - (2) establishing tolls on high-traffic roadway corridors; and
 - (3) the state of the state's transportation infrastructure, with cursory information relating to individual districts.
- Given the multitude of topics that the subcommittee plans to cover and given the sharp increase in volume of legislative proposals anticipated with a new administration, the subcommittee should request that the New Mexico Legislative Council approve an additional meeting day to explore those topics.
- The subcommittee should consider holding one of its meetings in the southeastern part of the state, possibly during the next interim.

Motion

With an additional meeting in Los Lunas and additional presentations, the subcommittee adopted the proposed work plan and meeting schedule without objection.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the subcommittee adjourned at 11:40 a.m.