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The Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee met six times in the 2023 interim, holding a meeting in each of the six transportation districts. At each meeting, the subcommittee received updates by a transportation district's engineer on the district's completed, current and upcoming transportation projects, as well as the district's needs.

The subcommittee began the interim in Santa Fe by reviewing the Department of Transportation's financial situation, including its funds, past and present budgets, staffing levels and expenditures. The subcommittee also examined the department's responsibilities and priorities, including the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the Transportation Asset Management Plan.

The July meeting in Hobbs focused on road and trucking safety, with a tour of Hobbs' and Jal's most dangerous roads. In addition, the subcommittee received presentations on the incorporation of broadband into roads and recent developments in southern New Mexico, including a fracking sand conveyor belt and the progress of a developing interstate highway corridor.

At its August meeting in Las Vegas, the subcommittee examined the state's escalating issue of traffic-related crashes and discussed potential safety strategies. The subcommittee wrestled with two other pressing issues: increasing funding for transportation projects, especially through the use of alternative revenue sources, and the rising costs of road work.

The September and October meetings in Albuquerque and Truth or Consequences featured topics on the future of transportation, with presentations on self-healing roads, more sustainable and cost-effective highway construction, multimodal transportation options, electric vehicles and the charging grid, roadable aircraft and aviation fuel. The sixth and final meeting was held in Gallup, where the subcommittee witnessed firsthand Gallup's efforts to use transportation to drive economic development, was updated on the state-level administration of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and considered and endorsed four pieces of legislation.

WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

2023 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE

Members

Sen. Bill Tallman, Chair
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
Rep. Anthony Allison
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Art De La Cruz
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. Joy Garratt

Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Sen. Ron Griggs
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew
Sen. Pat Woods

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Rep. Gail Armstrong
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Rep. Kathleen Cates
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Pamela Herndon

Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Rep. Rod Montoya
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. G. Andrés Romero

Work Plan

The New Mexico Legislative Council created the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee on May 1, 2023 to develop recommendations to meet the needs of New Mexico's businesses and residents for transportation and infrastructure and to identify current and new sources of revenue.

During the 2023 interim, the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee will review and discuss the following topics, as time permits:

A. the Department of Transportation (DOT):

1. overview of divisions, budgets, projects, the Transportation Asset Management Plan and Section 9 funding;
2. performance data, project status report and capital outlay report;
3. project prioritization;
4. the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program;
5. escalating costs; and
6. engineer reports from each of the six transportation districts on projects, needs, prioritization and opportunities; the impact of the governor's maintenance budget; and over/under of each project;

- B. fuel taxes, excise taxes and alternative revenue sources;
- C. electric vehicles, the electric charging grid and related infrastructure;
- D. broadband infrastructure, DOT rights-of-way and "smart" roads;
- E. fire recovery, flood recovery and drainage;
- F. commercial trucking and the Permian Basin;
- G. the future of transportation and proposed legislative changes relative to:
 - 1. commercial space;
 - 2. drones;
 - 3. autonomous vehicles;
 - 4. unleaded aviation fuel;
 - 5. roadable aircraft; and
 - 6. front end license plates and registration stickers;
- H. multimodal transportation and evolutionary infrastructure planning, including:
 - 1. intelligent roadways and improving traffic design;
 - 2. methods to increase safety and reduce accidents;
 - 3. a review of data on driver impairment and substance abuse treatment requirements for a commercial driver's license holder;
 - 4. new construction materials; and
 - 5. protected bicycle lanes;
- I. public-private partnerships and advanced infrastructure partnerships;
- J. the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and government-to-government relations;
- K. the "Ports-to-Plains" trade corridor;

- L. ports of entry and economic development initiatives;
- M. National Conference of State Legislatures best practices for transportation and infrastructure legislation;
- N. the consideration of legislation for endorsement; and
- O. the establishment of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee as a committee.

**Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee
2023 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 12	Santa Fe
July 24-25	Hobbs
August 21	Las Vegas
September 29	Albuquerque
October 23	Las Cruces
November 13	Gallup

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

Revised: June 7, 2023

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FIRST MEETING
of the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**June 12, 2023
State Capitol, Room 309
Santa Fe**

Monday, June 12

- 1:30 p.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Bill Tallman, Chair
—Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
- 1:40 p.m. (1) **Proposed Work Plan and Meeting Schedule**
—Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee Members
- 2:15 p.m. (2) **Financial Overview of the Department of Transportation (DOT):
Revenue, Budget and Special Transportation Appropriations from
House Bill 2 (2023), Section 9**
—Joseph Simon, DOT Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
—Mallery Manzanares, Director, Administrative Services, DOT
- 3:15 p.m. (3) **General Overview, Opportunities and 2023 Outlook of the DOT;
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Overview**
—Ricky Serna, Secretary, DOT
—Trent Doolittle, P.E., Deputy Secretary, DOT
—David Quintana, P.E., Chief Engineer, Office of Infrastructure, DOT
—Jolene Herrera, Staff Manager, STIP, DOT
- 5:00 p.m. (4) **Transportation Asset Management Plan Report**
—Denise Peralta, P.E., Manager, Capital Program and Investments
Division, DOT
- 5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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

**June 12, 2023
State Capitol, Room 309
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee (TIRS) was called to order by Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil, vice chair, on June 12, 2023 at 1:31 p.m. in Room 309 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
Rep. Art De La Cruz
Rep. Harry Garcia
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Sen. Ron Griggs
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew
Sen. Pat Woods

Absent

Sen. Bill Tallman, Chair
Rep. Anthony Allison
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Joy Garratt
Sen. George K. Muñoz

Advisory Members

Rep. Kathleen Cates
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Rep. Rod Montoya

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Pamelya Herndon
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. G. Andrés Romero

Staff

D. Martin Fischer, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Erin Bond, Researcher, LCS
Rebecca Griego, Records Officer, LCS

Guests

The guest list in the meeting file.

Handouts

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

References to Webcast

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Monday, June 12

Welcome and Introductions (1:31 p.m.)

Representative Hochman-Vigil called the meeting to order and asked members of the subcommittee, staff and audience to introduce themselves.

Proposed Work Plan and Meeting Schedule (1:43 p.m.)

Representative Hochman-Vigil discussed the reasoning behind the work plan, such as requests from subcommittee members and the desire to visit each transportation district. Members discussed how to transition the TIRS from a subcommittee to a special subcommittee and proposed changes to the work plan.

Financial Overview of the Department of Transportation (DOT): Revenue, Budget and Special Transportation Appropriations from House Bill 2 (2023), Section 9 (2:03 p.m.)

Joseph Simon, DOT analyst, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), and Mallery Manzanares, director, Administrative Services, DOT, reviewed funds administered by the DOT and the department's budget for fiscal years 2023 and 2024. Mr. Simon also discussed staffing levels, expenditures and encumbrances of special appropriations from 2019 to 2023 and the LFC's performance report card for the DOT. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20061223%20Item%202%20TIRS%20Materials.pdf>.

Approval of the Work Plan (2:58 p.m.)

On a motion made by Senator Gonzales and seconded by Representative De La Cruz, the subcommittee unanimously voted to approve the 2023 interim work plan, as amended.

General Overview, Opportunities and 2023 Outlook of the DOT; Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Overview (2:59 p.m.)

Ricky Serna, secretary, DOT, provided an overview of the DOT's responsibilities and priorities. David Quintana, P.E., chief engineer, Office of Infrastructure, DOT, and Jolene Herrera, staff manager, STIP, DOT, discussed how road improvement funds are allocated by the federal and state governments and the requirements imposed on the funds. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=6/12/2023&ItemNumber=3>.

Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) Report (4:20 p.m.)

Denise Peralta, P.E., manager, Capital Program and Investments Division, DOT, and Secretary Serna discussed how the DOT maintains bridges and pavements using the TAMP. Secretary Serna noted that the STIP can be used to both maintain and expand infrastructure, while the TAMP is used only to maintain existing infrastructure. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=6/12/2023&ItemNumber=4>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Revised: July 24, 2023

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
SECOND MEETING
of the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**July 24-25, 2023
Center of Recreational Excellence (CORE) Banquet Room
4827 N. Lovington Highway
Hobbs**

Monday, July 24

- 8:45 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Bill Tallman, Chair
—Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
- 9:00 a.m. (1) **Department of Transportation (DOT) District 2 Engineer Report**
—Michael Smelker, P.E., Assistant District 2 Engineer, DOT
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **DOT District 5 Report**
—Paul Brasher, P.E., District 5 Engineer, DOT
- 11:00 a.m. (3) **Broadband Incorporation into Roads, Interfacing with the DOT and Rights of Way**
—Kelly Schlegel, Director, Office of Broadband Access and Expansion,
Department of Information Technology
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. (4) **Atlas Energy Solutions' Dune Express Sand Conveyor and Other Potential Applications of Its Technology**
—John Turner, President and Chief Financial Officer, Atlas Energy Solutions
—Chris Scholla, Chief Supply Chain Officer, Atlas Energy Solutions
- 2:15 p.m. (5) **Waste Isolation Pilot Plant — Safely Disposing of the Nation's Defense-Generated Transuranic Waste**
—James Mason, Institutional Affairs Manager, National TRU Program,
United States Department of Energy
- 3:15 p.m. (6) **Ports-to-Plains Corridor**
—Lauren Garduno, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ports-to-Plains Alliance

4:15 p.m. (7) [The Future of Road Safety in Southeast New Mexico](#)
—Michael Smith, Managing Director, Permian Road Safety Coalition

5:15 p.m. **Public Comment**

5:30 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, July 25

6:20 a.m. **Tour of Jal's Dangerous Roads, New Mexico Highway 128 and Permian Trucking Traffic***

9:00 a.m. **Tour of Urenco USA***

3:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

*This is an invitation-only tour for committee members and staff.

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

**July 24-25, 2023
Center of Recreational Excellence (CORE) Banquet Room
4827 N. Lovington Highway
Hobbs**

The second meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair, on July 24, 2023 at 8:55 a.m. at the CORE Banquet Room in Hobbs.

Present

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
Rep. Anthony Allison
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Art De La Cruz
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew

Absent

Sen. Bill Tallman, Chair
Rep. Harry Garcia
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Sen. Ron Griggs
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Sen. Pat Woods

Advisory Members

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Rep. Kathleen Cates
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Pamelya Herndon
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (7/24)

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Rep. Rod Montoya
Rep. G. Andrés Romero

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

D. Martin Fisher, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sara Wiedmaier, Researcher, LCS
Cecilia Martinez, Committee Coordinator, LCS

Guests

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Monday, July 24

Welcome and Introductions (8:55 a.m.)

Representative Hochman-Vigil welcomed members of the subcommittee and the public, and members introduced themselves.

Department of Transportation (DOT) District 2 Engineer Report (9:02 a.m.)

Michael Smelker, P.E., assistant District 2 engineer, DOT, gave an overview of the infrastructure improvement projects and their financial status within District 2. Mr. Smelker also provided information on planned projects within District 2. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20072423%20Item%201%2007-24-23_TIRS%20Meeting%20-%20DISTRICT%202%20PRESENTATION_FSanchez_MSmelker.pdf

DOT District 5 Report (10:34 a.m.)

Paul Brasher, P.E., District 5 engineer, DOT, presented an overview of infrastructure improvement projects and their financial status within District 5. Mr. Brasher also provided information on the planned projects within District 5. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20072423%20Item%202%2007-24-23_TIRS%20Meeting%20-%20DISTRICT%205%20PRESENTATION_PBrasher.pdf

Broadband Incorporation into Roads, Interfacing with the DOT and Rights of Way (11:34 a.m.)

Kelly Schlegel, director, Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE), Department of Information Technology, relayed information on funding and the OBAE's collaboration with the DOT. Ms. Schlegel described proposed legislation that the OBAE endorses. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20072423%20Item%203%20Broadband%20pres%20-%20Transportation%20Subcommittee.pdf>

Atlas Energy Solutions' Dune Express Sand Conveyor and Other Potential Applications of Its Technology (1:19 p.m.)

John Turner, president and chief financial officer, Atlas Energy Solutions, and Chris Scholla, chief supply chain officer, Atlas Energy Solutions, presented the history and current status of Atlas Energy Solutions' construction of the Dune Express. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20072423%20Item%204%20Atlas%20Public%20Presentation%20PDF.pdf>

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant — Safely Disposing of the Nation's Defense-Generated Transuranic Waste (2:19 p.m.)

James Mason, institutional affairs manager, National TRU Program, United States Department of Energy, discussed the safety requirements and precautions that the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant employs while transporting defense transuranic waste. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20072423%20Item%205%20Mason%20Transportation%20Final.pdf>.

Ports-to-Plains Corridor (3:22 p.m.)

Lauren Garduno, president and chief executive officer, Ports-to-Plains Alliance, presented on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor relationship and history within Texas and New Mexico. Mr. Garduno also covered the recent financial impact of the Ports-to-Plains system as well as infrastructure spending information. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=7/24/2023&ItemNumber=6>.

The Future of Road Safety in Southeast New Mexico (4:30 p.m.)

Michael Smith, managing director, Permian Road Safety Coalition, discussed road safety concerns in southern New Mexico and the role of first responders in preventing fatal accidents. Mr. Smith presented information about several infrastructure projects and funding opportunities to address road safety issues. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20072423%20Item%204%20PRSC%20NM%20Testimony.pdf>.

Approval of Minutes (5:10 p.m.)

Upon a motion made by Representative Pettigrew and seconded by Representative De La Cruz, and without any objections, the subcommittee approved the minutes of the June 12, 2023 meeting.

Public Comment (5:11 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Recess

The committee recessed at 5:17 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25

Tour of Jal's Dangerous Roads, New Mexico Highway 128 and Permian Trucking Traffic

Stephen Aldridge, mayor, city of Jal, gave a tour of roads in Jal for subcommittee members and staff.

Tour of Urenco USA

Members of the subcommittee and staff toured the Urenco USA uranium processing facility.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Revised: August 18, 2023

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
THIRD MEETING
of the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**August 21, 2023
Student Union Ballroom
New Mexico Highlands University
800 National Avenue
Las Vegas**

Monday, August 21

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Bill Tallman, Chair
—Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
- 9:05 a.m. (1) **Department of Transportation (DOT) District 4 Report**
—Adam Romero, P.E., District 4 Engineer, DOT
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **Traffic-Related Crashes, Fatalities and Safety Strategies and the Federal Highway Administration's Vision Zero and Safe System Approach in New Mexico**
—Alicia Ortiz, Acting Director, Modal Division, DOT
—Jeff Barela, Director, Traffic Safety Division, DOT
—Jessica Griffin, Director, Planning Division, DOT
—Rosa Kozub, Bureau Chief, Multimodal Planning and Programs, DOT
—Robert Rhatigan, Director, Geospatial and Population Studies, University of New Mexico (UNM)
—Jessica Bloom, Research Scientist 3, Geospatial and Population Studies, UNM
—Luis Melgoza, Safety and Pavement Engineer, United States Department of Transportation, New Mexico Division
- 11:45 a.m. (3) **Wildlife Corridors: Infrastructure Projects and the Wildlife Action Plan**
—Garrett Vene Klasen, Northern Conservation Director, New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
—Jeremy Romero, Regional Connectivity Coordinator, National Wildlife Federation
—Jim Hirsch, Wildlife Coordinator, DOT
—Trent Botkin, Acting Manager, Environmental Bureau, DOT
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

- 1:30 p.m. (4) [**The State Road Fund: An Overview of the Fund and a Discussion of Existing and Alternative Revenue Sources**](#)
—Ricky Serna, Secretary, DOT
—Mallery Manzanares, Director, Administrative Services, DOT
—Michael Morrison, Economist, DOT
—Joseph Simon, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
- 3:00 p.m. (5) [**The TRIP Report and the Rising Costs of Road Construction and Maintenance**](#)
—David Quintana, P.E., Chief Engineer, Office of Infrastructure, DOT
—Denise Peralta, P.E., Director, Capital Program and Investments Division, DOT
—Jolene Herrera, Bureau Chief, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, DOT
—Jim Garcia, Executive Director, Associated Contractors of New Mexico
- 4:15 p.m. (6) [**Bills for Potential Endorsement: The Transportation Trust Fund, Update to the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque**](#)
—Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
—Senator George K. Muñoz
—Donald T. Lopez, Mayor, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque
—Ann Simon, Village Administrator, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque
- 5:30 p.m. **Public Comment**
- 5:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

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

**August 21, 2023
Student Union Ballroom
New Mexico Highlands University
800 National Avenue
Las Vegas**

The third meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Senator Bill Tallman, chair, on August 21, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom of New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas.

Present

Sen. Bill Tallman, Chair
Rep. Joy Garratt
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Sen. Ron Griggs
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew
Sen. Pat Woods

Advisory Members

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Kathleen Cates
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Pamela Herndon
Rep. Rod Montoya

Guest Legislators

Rep. Ambrose Castellano
Sen. William E. Sharer

Staff

D. Martin Fischer, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Erin Bond, Researcher, LCS
Cecilia Martinez, Committee Coordinator, LCS
Ian Stroud, Intern, LCS

Guests

The guest list in the meeting file.

Absent

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
Rep. Anthony Allison
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Art De La Cruz
Rep. Harry Garcia

Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. G. Andrés Romero

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Monday, August 21

Welcome and Introductions (9:16 a.m.)

Senator Tallman welcomed everyone and asked subcommittee members and staff to introduce themselves.

Department of Transportation (DOT) District 4 Report (9:25 a.m.)

Rick Padilla, acting director, Highway Operations, DOT, and Adam Romero, P.E., district 4 engineer, DOT, introduced the staff of the District 4 office in Las Vegas. Mr. Romero discussed the range of the district and recent projects completed or underway in District 4. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20082123%20Item%201%20District%204%20Report_ARomero.pdf.

Traffic-Related Crashes, Fatalities and Safety Strategies and the Federal Highway Administration's Vision Zero and Safe System Approach in New Mexico (10:31 a.m.)

Alicia Ortiz, acting director, Modal Division, DOT; Jeff Barela, director, Traffic Safety Division, DOT; Jessica Griffin, director, Planning Division, DOT; Robert Rhatigan, director, Geospatial and Population Studies, University of New Mexico (UNM); and Jessica Bloom, research scientist 3, Geospatial and Population Studies, UNM, discussed New Mexico's work to analyze traffic safety data and use that data to improve traffic safety programs. Luis Melgoza, safety and pavement engineer, United States Department of Transportation, New Mexico Division, spoke on Vision Zero, the United States Department of Transportation's approach to reducing vehicle-related injuries and death. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/21/2023&ItemNumber=2>.

Wildlife Corridors: Infrastructure Projects and the Wildlife Action Plan (12:14 p.m.)

Trent Botkin, acting manager, Environmental Bureau, DOT, and Jim Hirsch, wildlife coordinator, DOT, presented on the state's efforts to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions via establishing wildlife corridors. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20082123%20Item%203%20Wildlife%20Corridors%20TBotkin-JHirsch.pdf>.

Adoption of Minutes (1:38 p.m.)

On a motion made by Representative Garratt and seconded by Representative Pettigrew, the subcommittee unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of the July 24-25, 2023 meeting.

The State Road Fund: An Overview of the Fund and a Discussion of Existing and Alternative Revenue Sources (1:40 p.m.)

Ricky Serna, secretary, DOT, and Michael Morrison, economist, DOT, explained the revenue sources and distributions of the State Road Fund, as well as the impacts of using the State Road Fund to address non-infrastructure issues such as staffing. Joseph Simon, fiscal analyst, Legislative Finance Committee, provided an overview of how states fund transportation infrastructure, including taxes on fuel and general taxes. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/21/2023&ItemNumber=4>.

The TRIP Report and the Rising Costs of Road Construction and Maintenance (3:08 p.m.)

Jim Garcia, executive director, Associated Contractors of New Mexico, and Shawn Hammer, vice president, Associated Contractors of New Mexico, discussed the importance of transportation infrastructure in economic development and how contractors work with the DOT to support transportation. David Quintana, P.E., chief engineer, Office of Infrastructure, DOT; Denise Peralta, P.E., director, Capital Program and Investments Division, DOT; and Jolene Herrera, bureau chief, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, DOT, discussed how rising construction costs have impacted budget projections in the TRIP and Transportation Asset Management Plan reports. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20082123%20Item%205%20TRIP%20&%20Rising%20Costs_DQ-DP-JH-pdf.pdf.

Bills for Potential Endorsement: The Transportation Trust Fund, Update to the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque (4:45 p.m.)

Donald T. Lopez, mayor, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and Ann Simon, village administrator, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, informed the subcommittee of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque's work to improve Fourth Street and requested the subcommittee's support in continuing the project.

Senator Gonzales and Senator Muñoz discussed a potential bill that would update the motor vehicle excise tax and hoped that the subcommittee would endorse such a bill for the upcoming session.

Senator Muñoz discussed a potential bill that would create a transportation trust fund to annually distribute funds to the DOT to help the department with its budget deficits. He expressed hope that the subcommittee would endorse such a bill for the upcoming session. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/21/2023&ItemNumber=6>.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Revised: September 26, 2023

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**September 29, 2023
WORKforce Training Center, Room 207
Central New Mexico Community College
5600 Eagle Rock Avenue NE
Albuquerque**

Friday, September 29

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Bill Tallman, Chair
—Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
- 9:05 a.m. (1) **Department of Transportation (DOT) District 3 Engineer Report**
—Justin Gibson, P.E., District 3 Engineer, DOT
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **Intelligent Infrastructure and Self-Healing Roads**
—Luna Lu, Ph.D., Founding Director, Center for Intelligent Infrastructure;
Associate Dean and Reilly Professor, Lyles School of Civil
Engineering, Purdue University
- 11:15 a.m. (3) **Multimodal Transportation in New Mexico: Options, Benefits and
Potential Legislation**
—Sebastian Castellanos, Senior Research Associate, World Resources
Institute
—Miguel Moravec, Senior Associate, Rocky Mountain Institute
—Ben Shapiro, Manager, Rocky Mountain Institute
—Alicia Ortiz, M.P.A., Acting Director, Modal Division, DOT
—David Quintana, P.E., Chief Engineer, Office of Infrastructure, DOT
—Rosa Kozub, Bureau Chief, Multimodal Planning and Programs Bureau,
DOT
- 12:30 p.m. **Working Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. (4) **Electric Vehicles, the Charging Grid, Related Infrastructure, Federal
Grant Program and Requisite Policy and Legislative Changes**
—Jerry P. Valdez, Executive Director, Office of Special Projects, DOT
—April Naranjo, Program Manager, Special Projects, DOT
—Olga Lavrova, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Klipsch School of Electrical
and Computer Engineering, New Mexico State University

- Ray Addison II, Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Go-Station, Inc.
- Dan Bowerson, Senior Director, Energy and Environment, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
- Zoë Lees, Regional Vice President, Regulatory Policy, Xcel Energy Inc.

- 3:45 p.m. (5) **Proposed Clean Transportation Fuels Standard**
- Senator Mimi Stewart, Senate President Pro Tempore
 - Amy Brown, Chief Operating Officer, Adelante Consulting, Inc.; Co-Chair, New Mexico Clean Fuels Coalition
 - Don Thoren, Vice President, State and Local Outreach, American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers
 - Michelle Miano, Director, Environmental Protection Division, Department of Environment (NMED)
 - Claudia Borchert, Climate Change Bureau Chief, Environmental Protection Division, NMED
 - Jed Smith, Chief Operating Officer, Rio Valley Biofuels, LLC
 - Camilla Feibelman, Director, Rio Grande Chapter, Sierra Club
 - Tom Solomon, Co-Coordinator, 350 New Mexico
 - Graham Noyes, Executive Director, Low Carbon Fuels Coalition

- 5:15 p.m. (6) **Steam Locomotive 2926**
- TBD, New Mexico Steam Locomotive and Railroad Historical Society

5:20 p.m. **Public Comment**

5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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

**September 29, 2023
WORKforce Training Center, Room 207
Central New Mexico Community College
5600 Eagle Rock Avenue NE
Albuquerque**

The fourth meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Senator Bill Tallman, chair, on September 29, 2023 at 9:09 a.m. in Room 207 of the WORKforce Training Center of Central New Mexico Community College in Albuquerque.

Present

Sen. Bill Tallman, Chair
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
Rep. Anthony Allison
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Art De La Cruz
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. Joy Garratt
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew

Absent

Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Sen. Ron Griggs
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Sen. Pat Woods

Advisory Members

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Pamela Herndon
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Rep. Rod Montoya

Rep. Kathleen Cates
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. G. Andrés Romero

Staff

D. Martin Fischer, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Erin Bond, Researcher, LCS
Cecilia Martinez, Committee Coordinator, LCS
Ian Stroud, Intern, 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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Friday, September 29

Welcome and Introductions (9:09 a.m.)

Senator Tallman welcomed everyone and asked subcommittee members and staff to introduce themselves.

Department of Transportation (DOT) District 3 Engineer Report (9:12 a.m.)

Justin Gibson, P.E., district 3 engineer, DOT, and Hilma Chynoweth, district 3 commissioner, Transportation Commission, DOT, went over the current state of infrastructure projects, as well as project funding. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20092923%20Item%201%20District%203%20Report%20JGibson.pdf.pdf>.

Intelligent Infrastructure and Self-Healing Roads (10:15 a.m.)

Luna Lu, Ph.D., founding director, Center for Intelligent Infrastructure, and associate dean and Reilly professor, Lyles School of Civil Engineering, Purdue University, discussed intelligent infrastructure innovations and how they could be implemented in New Mexico. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20092923%20Item%202%20US%20Intelligent%20Infrastructure-Lu.pdf>.

Multimodal Transportation in New Mexico: Options, Benefits and Potential Legislation (11:34 a.m.)

Sebastian Castellanos, senior research associate, World Resources Institute; Miguel Moravec, senior associate, Rocky Mountain Institute; Ben Shapiro, manager, Rocky Mountain Institute; Alicia Ortiz, M.P.A., acting director, Modal Division, DOT; David Quintana, P.E., chief engineer, Office of Infrastructure, DOT; and Rosa Kozub, chief, Multimodal Planning and Programs Bureau, DOT, presented on public transportation as it relates to private vehicle transportation and public safety, and the panel discussed state policy suggestions and programs. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=9/29/2023&ItemNumber=3>.

Electric Vehicles, the Charging Grid, Related Infrastructure, Federal Grant Program and Requisite Policy and Legislative Changes (1:20 p.m.)

Jerry P. Valdez, executive director, Office of Special Projects, DOT; April Naranjo, program manager, Special Projects, DOT; Olga Lavrova, Ph.D., associate professor, Klipsch School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, New Mexico State University; Ray Addison II, vice president, Sales and Marketing, Go-Station, Inc.; Dan Bowerson, senior director, Energy and Environment, Alliance for Automotive Innovation; and Zoë Lees, regional vice president, Regulatory Policy, Xcel Energy Inc., discussed the challenges and opportunities in transitioning New Mexico to primarily electric vehicle usage and the infrastructure that is needed to accommodate this change. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=9/29/2023&ItemNumber=4>.

Proposed Clean Transportation Fuels Standard (5:04 p.m.)

Senator Mimi Stewart, senate president pro tempore; Amy Brown, chief operating officer, Adelante Consulting, Inc.; co-chair, New Mexico Clean Fuels Coalition; Don Thoren, vice president, State and Local Outreach, American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers; Michelle Miano, director, Environmental Protection Division, Department of Environment (NMED); Claudia Borchert, climate change bureau chief, Environmental Protection Division, NMED; Jed Smith, chief operating officer, Rio Valley Biofuels, LLC; Camilla Feibelman, director, Rio Grande Chapter, Sierra Club; Tom Solomon, co-coordinator, 350 New Mexico; and Graham Noyes, executive director, Low Carbon Fuels Coalition, explored the implications of clean-transportation-fuels-standard rule changes and electric vehicles, as well as proposed policy changes. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=9/29/2023&ItemNumber=5>.

Steam Locomotive 2926 (5:44 p.m.)

John Roberts, president, New Mexico Steam Locomotive and Railroad Historical Society, invited subcommittee members to an event celebrating the local railroad and steam locomotive community.

Approval of Minutes (5:49 p.m.)

On a motion made by Senator Tallman and seconded by Representative Garratt, the subcommittee unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of the August 21, 2023 meeting.

Public Comment (5:50 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Revised: October 20, 2023

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FIFTH MEETING
of the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**October 23, 2023
Spaceport Operations Center
Spaceport America
County Road A021
Truth or Consequences**

Monday, October 23

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Bill Tallman, Chair
—Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
- 9:05 a.m. (1) **[Department of Transportation \(DOT\) District 1 Engineer Report](#)**
—Aaron Chavarria, P.E., District 1 Engineer, DOT
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **[DOT Aviation Division Projects and Expenditures](#)**
—Alicia Ortiz, M.P.A., Acting Director, Modal Division, DOT
—Pedro Rael, Director, Aviation Division, DOT
—Dan Moran, Manager, Aviation Division, DOT
- 10:45 a.m. (3) **[Roadable Aircraft](#)**
—Russell Bousfield, Legal Team, Samson Sky
- 11:30 a.m. (4) **[Why Can't We Build a Better Road: Developments and Challenges in Environmentally Sound and Cost-Effective Highway Construction](#)**
—Shane McDade, President, Road Recyclers
- 12:10 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:40 p.m. (5) **[Zero Fares Coalition](#)**
—Former State Representative Kay Bounkeua, District 19
—Christopher Ramírez, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Together for Brothers
- 1:00 p.m. (6) **[Get the Lead Out: The Future of Aviation Fuel](#)**
—Senator William P. Soules, District 37
—Brett Hahn, Aviation Engine and Fuel Expert

- 1:45 p.m. (7) [Spaceport America Update](#)
—Scott McLaughlin, Executive Director, Spaceport America
- 2:15 p.m. **Tour of Spaceport America (Legislators and Staff Only)**
- 4:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

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

**October 23, 2023
Spaceport Operations Center
Spaceport America
Country Road A021
Truth or Consequences**

The fifth meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Senator Bill Tallman, chair, on October 23, 2023 at 9:29 a.m. at the Spaceport Operations Center at Spaceport America in Truth or Consequences.

Present

Sen. Bill Tallman, Chair
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
Rep. Harry Garcia
Sen. Ron Griggs
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew

Absent

Rep. Anthony Allison
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Art De La Cruz
Rep. Joy Garratt
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Sen. George K. Muñoz
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Guest Legislator

Sen. William P. Soules

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D. Martin Fischer, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Erin Bond, Researcher, LCS
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Guests

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Monday, October 23

Welcome and Introductions (9:30 a.m.)

Subcommittee members and staff introduced themselves.

Department of Transportation (DOT) District 1 Engineer Report (9:32 a.m.)

Aaron Chavarria, P.E., district 1 engineer, DOT; Rick Padilla, P.E., executive director, Highway Operations, DOT; and Ricky Serna, secretary, DOT, discussed projects completed or underway in District 1, which extends from the New Mexico border with Mexico into Socorro County. Upon questions from subcommittee members, the panel discussed charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20102323%20Item%201%20District%201%20Report_AChavarria.pdf.

DOT Aviation Division Projects and Expenditures (10:27 a.m.)

Alicia Ortiz, acting director, Modal Division, DOT, and Pedro Rael, director, Aviation Division, DOT, spoke about the Aviation Division's role in supporting New Mexico's aviation economy and highlighted the division's funding sources and projects completed. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20102323%20Item%202%20Aviation%20Div%20Report_PRael_DMoran.pdf.

Roadable Aircraft (10:56 a.m.)

Russel Bousfield, legal team member, Samson Sky, reviewed the Samson Sky roadable aircraft and its implications for transportation law and economics. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20102323%20Item%203%20Samson%20Sky%20Roadable%20Aircraft%20Presentation.pdf>.

Why Can't We Build a Better Road: Developments and Challenges in Environmentally Sound and Cost-Effective Highway Construction (11:44 a.m.)

Shane McDade, president, Road Recyclers, and Dr. Musharraf Zaman, director, Southern Plains Transportation Center, described how asphalt can be recycled to reconstruct roadways and noted how developments such as carbon capture patches, more durable asphalt and electric cars will affect roads. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20102323%20Item%204%20NMLTC%20Presentation%20Oct%202023-Final.pdf>.

Zero Fares Coalition (12:53 p.m.)

Christopher Ramírez, executive director and co-founder, Together for Brothers, and Israel Chávez, president, Dona Ana Village Association, discussed the importance of bus infrastructure within New Mexico and its impact on vulnerable populations. Mr. Ramírez and Mr. Chávez also discussed the history of zero fares for public transport within the state and noted that ridership increased during zero-fare trials. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20102323%20Item%205%20NM%20State%20Legislature%20Interim%20Committee%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20102323%20Item%205%20NM%20State%20Legislature%20Interim%20Committee%20(1).pdf).

Get the Lead Out: The Future of Aviation Fuel (1:26 p.m.)

Senator Soules and Brett Hahn, aviation engine and fuel expert, discussed small aircrafts' continued use of leaded fuel due to a lack of unleaded options, despite long-standing regulations banning leaded fuel in other vehicles. Senator Soules and Mr. Hahn emphasized the environmental and economic impacts of developing infrastructure for non-leaded fuel for small aircrafts in New Mexico. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20102323%20Item%205%20Lead%20Emissions%20From%20Aircraft%20Fuels.pdf>.

Spaceport America Update (2:19 p.m.)

Scott McLaughlin, executive director, Spaceport America, provided information regarding projects and maintenance underway at Spaceport America and noted the spaceport's impact on local economies and businesses in the commercial space industry. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20102323%20Item%207%20 McLaughlin SpA TIR S.pdf>.

Tour of Spaceport America (Legislators and Staff Only) (2:38 p.m.)

The subcommittee and guests toured the Spaceport Operations Center and Virgin Galactic.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Revised: November 3, 2023

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
SIXTH MEETING
of the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**November 13, 2023
McKinley County Courthouse Annex
West Conference Room, 2nd Floor
207 West Hill Avenue
Gallup**

Monday, November 13

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Bill Tallman, Chair
—Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
- 9:05 a.m. (1) **Department of Transportation (DOT) District 6 Engineer Report**
—Lisa Vega, P.E., District 6 Engineer, DOT
- 9:50 a.m. (2) **I-40 Corridor Study and Priority Projects for Section 9 Funding**
—Ricky Serna, Secretary, DOT
—Trent Doolittle, P.E., Deputy Secretary, DOT
—Lisa Vega, P.E., District 6 Engineer, DOT
—Justin Gibson, P.E., District 3 Engineer, DOT
—Summer Herrera, P.E., Project Development Engineer, Central Region
 Design, DOT
—Stephanie Miller, Deputy Project Manager, Parametrix
—Chris Baca, P.E., Project Manager, Parametrix
- 10:45 a.m. (3) **The Intersection of Transportation and Economic Development**
—Representative Patricia A. Lundstrom
- 11:45 a.m. **Tour of the Intersection of Transportation and Economic Development
in Gallup (Legislators only)**
- 12:45 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. (4) **Daimler Truck Advanced Technology: Autonomous Trucks and
Connectivity**
—Ritchie Huang, Executive Manager, Safety and Government Affairs,
 Daimler Truck North America, LLC

- 2:30 p.m. (5) [Update on the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#)
—Rebecca Roose, Infrastructure Advisor, Office of the Governor
—Ricky Serna, Secretary, DOT
- 3:30 p.m. (6) [School Bus Modernization Act: Electric School Buses](#)
—Charles Goodmacher, Board Member, NMVC Action Fund
—Gabe Jacquez, Deputy Superintendent for Operations, Las Cruces Public School District
—Former State Representative Abbas Akhil, District 20
- 4:00 p.m. (7) [Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement](#)
- 4:55 p.m. **Public Comment**
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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

**November 13, 2023
McKinley County Courthouse Annex
West Conference Room, 2nd Floor
207 West Hill Avenue
Gallup**

The sixth meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee (TIRS) was called to order by Senator Bill Tallman, chair, on November 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the West Conference Room of the McKinley County Courthouse Annex in Gallup.

Present

Sen. Bill Tallman, Chair
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil, Vice Chair
Rep. Anthony Allison
Rep. Art De La Cruz
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew

Absent

Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Joy Garratt
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Sen. Ron Griggs
Sen. Pat Woods

Advisory Members

Rep. Kathleen Cates
Rep. Pamela Herndon
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto

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Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Rep. Rod Montoya
Rep. G. Andrés Romero

Guest Legislator

Rep. D. Wonda Johnson

Staff

D. Martin Fischer, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Erin Bond, Researcher, LCS
Cecilia Martinez, Committee Coordinator, LCS
Ian Stroud, Intern, LCS

Minutes Approval

Because the subcommittee will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the subcommittee.

Guests

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Handouts

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Monday, November 13

Welcome and Introductions (9:00 a.m.)

Representative Hochman-Vigil welcomed everyone and asked subcommittee members and staff to introduce themselves.

Department of Transportation (DOT) District 6 Engineer Report (9:05 a.m.)

Lisa Vega, P.E., district 6 engineer, DOT, gave an overview of infrastructure improvement projects and the DOT's financial status within District 6, as well as planned projects. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20111323%20Item%201%20District%206%20Report LVega.pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20111323%20Item%201%20District%206%20Report%20LVega.pdf).

I-40 Corridor Study and Priority Projects for Section 9 Funding (10:03 a.m.)

Ricky Serna, secretary, DOT; Trent Doolittle, P.E., deputy secretary, DOT; Ms. Vega; Justin Gibson, P.E., district 3 engineer, DOT; Summer Herrera, P.E., project development engineer, Central Region Design, DOT; Stephanie Miller, deputy project manager, Parametrix; and Chris Baca, P.E., project manager, Parametrix, discussed the I-40 Corridor Study parameters and results, as well as priority projects for funding during the 2024 legislative session. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/13/2023&ItemNumber=2>.

The Intersection of Transportation and Economic Development (11:27 a.m.)

Representative Lundstrom discussed the current status of transportation projects in the City of Gallup and McKinley County and their impacts on the area's economy. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20111323%20Item%203%20GGEDC%20Power%20Point%20-%20P.%20Lundstrom%2011.13.23.pdf>.

Tour of the Intersection of Transportation and Economic Development in Gallup (11:55 a.m.)

Members of the subcommittee and staff toured economic development sites near Gallup.

Daimler Truck Advanced Technology: Autonomous Trucks and Connectivity (1:36 p.m.)

Ritchie Huang, executive manager, Safety and Government Affairs, Daimler Truck North America, LLC, discussed the history of Daimler Truck North America, LLC, as well as the company's autonomous vehicle program and safety measures.

Update on the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (2:33 p.m.)

Rebecca Roose, infrastructure advisor, Office of the Governor, presented on the Office of the Governor's funding priorities for ongoing transportation programs. Secretary Serna presented on current DOT grant programs and activity. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/13/2023&ItemNumber=5>.

School Bus Modernization Act: Electric School Buses (3:45 p.m.)

Charles Goodmacher, board member, NMVC Action Fund; Gabe Jacquez, deputy superintendent for operations, Las Cruces Public School District; and Abbas Akhil, former state representative, District 20, discussed the funding opportunities for and impact of school districts transitioning from diesel to electric school buses. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/13/2023&ItemNumber=6>.

Approval of Minutes (4:16 p.m.)

On a motion duly made and seconded, and without objection, the subcommittee unanimously approved the minutes of the September 29, 2023 and October 23, 2023 meetings.

Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement (4:16 p.m.)

Subcommittee members discussed legislation for endorsement. The subcommittee unanimously endorsed bills making TIRS a statutory committee, creating the Transportation Trust Fund and establishing a task force to study an intrastate airline. The subcommittee endorsed a bill adjusting the distribution of the motor vehicle excise tax, increasing motor vehicle registration fees and requiring an additional registration fee for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles, with Representatives Pettigrew and Jones voting in the negative. The legislation endorsed by the subcommittee can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/endorsed_legislation?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Year=2023.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

ENDORSED LEGISLATION

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HOUSE BILL

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

INTRODUCED BY

DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; CREATING THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND; PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND TO THE STATE ROAD FUND FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS PRIORITIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND CREATED.--

A. The "transportation trust fund" is created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The fund consists of distributions, appropriations, gifts, grants and donations. Income from investment of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Money in the fund shall be expended only as provided in this section.

B. The state investment officer, subject to the

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1 approval of the state investment council, shall invest money in
2 the transportation trust fund:

3 (1) in accordance with the prudent investor
4 rule set forth in the Uniform Prudent Investor Act; and

5 (2) in consultation with the state treasurer
6 and the secretary of transportation.

7 C. The state investment officer shall report
8 quarterly to the legislative finance committee and the state
9 investment council on the investments made pursuant to this
10 section. Annually, a report shall be submitted no later than
11 October 1 each year to the legislative finance committee, the
12 revenue stabilization and tax policy committee and any other
13 appropriate interim committees.

14 D. Subject to the availability of funds, on July 1,
15 2027 and each July 1 thereafter, a transfer shall be made from
16 the transportation trust fund to the state road fund in an
17 amount equal to five percent of the average of the year-end
18 market values of the transportation trust fund for the
19 immediately preceding three calendar years. Money transferred
20 pursuant to this subsection shall be expended only for approved
21 projects prioritized by a cooperative and comprehensive process
22 of the department of transportation that aligns with the
23 department's long-range plans and addresses the multimodal
24 needs of New Mexico's transportation customers.

25 E. In addition to the transfer pursuant to

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1 Subsection D of this section, money in the transportation trust
2 fund may be:

3 (1) expended in the event that general fund
4 balances, including all authorized revenues and transfers to
5 the general fund and balances in the general fund operating
6 reserve, the appropriation contingency fund, the tobacco
7 settlement permanent fund, the state-support reserve fund and
8 the tax stabilization reserve, will not meet the level of
9 appropriations authorized from the general fund for a fiscal
10 year. In that event, to avoid an unconstitutional deficit, the
11 legislature may appropriate from the transportation trust fund
12 to the general fund only the amount necessary to meet general
13 fund appropriations for that fiscal year and only if the
14 legislature has authorized transfers from the appropriation
15 contingency fund, the general fund operating reserve, the tax
16 stabilization reserve and the tobacco settlement permanent fund
17 that exhaust those fund balances; or

18 (2) allocated by the department of
19 transportation to the transit and rail division for approved,
20 non-rail public transit projects in an amount that does not
21 exceed one percent of the average of the year-end market values
22 of the fund for the immediately preceding three calendar years.

23 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
24 provisions of this act is July 1, 2024.

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HOUSE BILL

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

INTRODUCED BY

DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; CREATING THE INTERIM
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 2 NMSA 1978 is
enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ CREATION OF INTERIM TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE--MEMBERS--APPOINTMENT--VACANCIES--VOTING.--

A. The "transportation committee" is created as a
joint interim committee of the legislature.

B. The transportation committee shall be composed
of twelve voting members. Seven members of the house of
representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house
of representatives, and five members of the senate shall be
appointed by the committees' committee of the senate or, if the

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1 senate appointments are made in the interim, by the president
2 pro tempore of the senate after consultation with and agreement
3 of a majority of the members of the committees' committee.
4 Members shall be appointed so as to give the two major
5 political parties in each house the same proportionate
6 representation on the committee as prevails in each house;
7 provided that in no event shall either of the parties have
8 fewer than one member from each house on the committee.

9 C. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by
10 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.

11 D. No action shall be taken by the committee if a
12 majority of the total membership from either house on the
13 committee rejects the action."

14 SECTION 2. A new section of Chapter 2 NMSA 1978 is
15 enacted to read:

16 "[NEW MATERIAL] DUTIES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE--
17 STAFF--SUBCOMMITTEES.--

18 A. After its appointment, the transportation
19 committee shall hold one organizational meeting to develop a
20 work plan and budget for the ensuing interim. The work plan
21 and budget shall be submitted to the New Mexico legislative
22 council for approval. Upon the legislative council's approval
23 of the work plan and budget, the transportation committee shall
24 examine and study the programs, agencies, policies, issues,
25 needs, technologies, statutes, constitutional provisions and

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1 regulations related to transportation.

2 B. The staff of the committee shall be provided by
3 the legislative council service.

4 C. Subcommittees shall be created only by a
5 majority vote of all of the members appointed to the committee
6 and with the prior approval of the New Mexico legislative
7 council. A subcommittee shall be composed of at least one
8 member from the senate and one member from the house of
9 representatives, and at least one member of the minority party
10 shall be a member of the subcommittee."

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SENATE BILL

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX; INCREASING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES; REQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR ELECTRIC AND PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 7-14-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1988, Chapter 73, Section 20, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-14-10. DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS.--

A. The receipts from the tax and any associated interest and penalties shall be deposited in the "motor vehicle suspense fund", hereby created in the state treasury. As of the end of each month, the net receipts attributable to the tax and associated penalties and interest shall be distributed as follows:

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- 1 (1) prior to July 1, 2026:
- 2 (a) thirty-two percent to the general
- 3 fund;
- 4 (b) forty-nine and one-fourth percent to
- 5 the state road fund; and
- 6 (c) eighteen and three-fourths percent
- 7 to the transportation project fund;
- 8 (2) on and after July 1, 2026, except as
- 9 provided in Paragraph (3) of this subsection:
- 10 (a) seventy-five percent to the state
- 11 road fund; and
- 12 (b) twenty-five percent to the
- 13 transportation project fund; and
- 14 (3) if, for any single fiscal year occurring
- 15 after fiscal year 2029 and prior to fiscal year 2040, gross
- 16 receipts tax revenues are less than ninety-five percent of the
- 17 gross receipts tax revenues for the previous fiscal year as
- 18 determined by the secretary of finance and administration,
- 19 beginning on the July 1 following the determination made by the
- 20 secretary of finance and administration:
- 21 ~~[A.]~~ (a) fifty-nine and thirty-nine
- 22 hundredths percent to the general fund;
- 23 ~~[B.]~~ (b) twenty-one and eighty-six
- 24 hundredths percent to the state road fund; and
- 25 ~~[C.]~~ (c) eighteen and seventy-five

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1 hundredths percent to the transportation project fund.

2 B. Between fifty and seventy-five percent of the
3 amount distributed to the state road fund pursuant to this
4 section shall be used for maintenance of transportation
5 infrastructure."

6 SECTION 2. Section 66-6-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
7 Chapter 35, Section 337, as amended) is amended to read:

8 "66-6-2. PASSENGER VEHICLES--REGISTRATION FEES.--For the
9 registration of motor vehicles other than motorcycles, trucks,
10 buses and tractors, the division shall collect the following
11 fees for each twelve-month registration period:

12 A. for a vehicle whose gross factory shipping
13 weight is not more than two thousand pounds [~~twenty-seven~~
14 ~~dollars (\$27.00); provided, however, that~~]:

15 (1) within five years of registration:

16 (a) prior to July 1, 2026, thirty-one
17 dollars fifty cents (\$31.50); and

18 (b) on and after July 1, 2026, thirty-
19 four dollars (\$34.00); and

20 (2) after five years of registration,
21 calculated from the date when the vehicle was first registered
22 in this or another state [~~the fee is twenty-one dollars~~
23 (~~\$21.00~~)]:

24 (a) prior to July 1, 2026, twenty-four
25 dollars (\$24.00); and

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1 (b) on and after July 1, 2026, twenty-
2 seven dollars (\$27.00);

3 B. for a vehicle whose gross factory shipping
4 weight is more than two thousand but not more than three
5 thousand pounds [~~thirty-nine dollars (\$39.00); provided,~~
6 ~~however, that~~]:

7 (1) within five years of registration:

8 (a) prior to July 1, 2026, forty-four
9 dollars (\$44.00); and

10 (b) on and after July 1, 2026, forty-
11 nine dollars (\$49.00); and

12 (2) after five years of registration,
13 calculated from the date when the vehicle was first registered
14 in this or another state [~~the fee is thirty-one dollars~~
15 ~~(\$31.00)]:~~

16 (a) prior to July 1, 2026, thirty-five
17 dollars (\$35.00); and

18 (b) on and after July 1, 2026, thirty-
19 nine dollars (\$39.00);

20 C. for a vehicle whose gross factory shipping
21 weight is more than three thousand pounds [~~fifty-six dollars~~
22 ~~(\$56.00); provided, however, that~~]:

23 (1) within five years of registration:

24 (a) prior to July 1, 2026, sixty-three
25 dollars (\$63.00); and

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1	001 to 4,000	[\$40] <u>\$45</u>	<u>\$50</u>
2	4,001 to 6,000	[55] <u>62</u>	<u>69</u>
3	6,001 to 8,000	[69] <u>77.50</u>	<u>86</u>
4	8,001 to 10,000	[84] <u>94.50</u>	<u>105</u>
5	10,001 to 12,000	[99] <u>111.50</u>	<u>124</u>
6	12,001 to 14,000	[113] <u>127</u>	<u>141</u>
7	14,001 to 16,000	[128] <u>144</u>	<u>160</u>
8	16,001 to 18,000	[143] <u>161</u>	<u>179</u>
9	18,001 to 20,000	[157] <u>176.50</u>	<u>196</u>
10	20,001 to 22,000	[172] <u>193.50</u>	<u>215</u>
11	22,001 to 24,000	[187] <u>210.50</u>	<u>234</u>
12	24,001 to 26,000	[201] <u>226</u>	<u>251</u>
13	26,001 to 48,000	[118] <u>133</u>	<u>148</u>
14	48,001 and over	[172] <u>193.50</u>	<u>215.</u>

15 C. All trucks whose declared gross weight or whose
16 gross vehicle weight is less than twenty-six thousand pounds,
17 after five years of registration, calculated from the date when
18 the vehicle was first registered in this or another state,
19 shall be charged registration fees at eighty percent of the
20 rate set out in Subsection B of this section.

21 D. All trucks with a gross vehicle weight of more
22 than twenty-six thousand pounds and all truck tractors and road
23 tractors used to tow freight trailers shall be registered on
24 the basis of gross combination vehicle weight.

25 E. All trucks with a gross vehicle weight of

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1 twenty-six thousand pounds or less shall be registered on the
2 basis of gross vehicle weight. A trailer, semitrailer or pole
3 trailer towed by a truck of such gross vehicle weight shall be
4 classified as a utility trailer for registration purposes
5 unless otherwise provided by law.

6 F. All farm vehicles having a declared gross weight
7 of more than six thousand pounds shall be charged registration
8 fees of two-thirds of the rate of the respective fees provided
9 in this section and shall be issued distinctive registration
10 plates. As used in this subsection, "farm vehicle" means a
11 vehicle owned by a person whose principal occupation is farming
12 or ranching and which vehicle is used principally in the
13 transportation of farm and ranch products to market and farm
14 and ranch supplies and livestock from the place of purchase to
15 farms and ranches in this state; provided that the vehicle is
16 not used for hire.

17 G. In addition to other registration fees imposed
18 by this section, [~~beginning July 1, 1994~~] an annual tire
19 recycling fee of one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) is imposed at
20 the time of registration on each vehicle subject to a
21 registration fee pursuant to this section, except for vehicles
22 with a declared gross weight of greater than twenty-six
23 thousand pounds upon which registration fees are imposed by
24 Subsection B of this section.

25 H. Three percent of registration fees of trucks

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1 having from twenty-six thousand one pounds to forty-eight
2 thousand pounds declared gross vehicle weight is to be
3 transferred to the recycling and illegal dumping fund pursuant
4 to the provisions of Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

5 I. Three and seventy-five hundredths percent of
6 registration fees of trucks in excess of forty-eight thousand
7 pounds declared gross vehicle weight is to be transferred to
8 the recycling and illegal dumping fund pursuant to the
9 provisions of Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978."

10 SECTION 4. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is
11 enacted to read:

12 "[NEW MATERIAL] ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE--ELECTRIC AND
13 PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES.--

14 A. For registration of vehicles subject to the
15 registration fees imposed by Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA
16 1978, there is imposed an additional annual fee in the
17 following amounts for which an electric vehicle with a gross
18 vehicle weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or less is
19 registered:

20 (1) prior to July 1, 2026, sixty dollars
21 (\$60.00); and

22 (2) on and after July 1, 2026, one hundred
23 twenty dollars (\$120).

24 B. For registration of vehicles subject to the
25 registration fees imposed by Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA

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1 1978, there is imposed an additional annual fee in the
2 following amounts for which a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle
3 with a gross vehicle weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or
4 less is registered:

5 (1) prior to July 1, 2026, thirty dollars
6 (\$30.00); and

7 (2) on and after July 1, 2026, sixty dollars
8 (\$60.00).

9 C. All fees collected pursuant to this section
10 shall be paid to the state treasurer to the credit of the motor
11 vehicle suspense fund with distribution in accordance with
12 Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

13 D. As used in this section:

14 (1) "electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle
15 that derives all of the vehicle's power from electricity stored
16 in a battery that:

17 (a) has a capacity of not less than six
18 kilowatt-hours;

19 (b) is capable of powering the vehicle
20 for a range of at least forty miles; and

21 (c) is capable of being recharged from
22 an external source of electricity; and

23 (2) "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" means a
24 motor vehicle that derives part of the vehicle's power from
25 electricity stored in a battery that:

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1 (a) has a capacity of not less than six
2 kilowatt-hours;

3 (b) is capable of powering the vehicle
4 for a range of at least forty miles; and

5 (c) is capable of being recharged from
6 an external source of electricity."

7 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
8 provisions of this act is July 1, 2024.

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HOUSE BILL

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; CREATING AN INTRASTATE AIRLINE TASK
FORCE; PROVIDING DUTIES; REQUIRING A FINAL REPORT; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--INTRASTATE AIRLINE TASK
FORCE--CREATED--DUTIES--FINAL REPORT.--**

A. The "intrastate airline task force" is created
and consists of:

(1) one senator appointed by the president pro
tempore of the senate and one member of the house of
representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of
representatives, to serve as co-chairs and convene the meetings
of the task force;

(2) the secretary of transportation or the

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1 secretary's designee;

2 (3) the secretary of tourism or the
3 secretary's designee;

4 (4) the secretary of economic development or
5 the secretary's designee;

6 (5) the secretary of Indian affairs or the
7 secretary's designee;

8 (6) the director of the office on African
9 American affairs or the director's designee;

10 (7) the chief economist of the legislative
11 finance committee or the chief economist's designee;

12 (8) the senior economist of the economic
13 development department or the senior economist's designee;

14 (9) the chief executive officers of the
15 chambers of commerce of Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Gallup, Hobbs
16 and Clovis or the chief executive officers' designees; and

17 (10) five public members, one each from
18 Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Gallup, Hobbs and Clovis, who each
19 have at least ten years of experience related to aviation,
20 airlines, transportation or economics, to be appointed by the
21 president pro tempore of the senate, speaker of the house of
22 representatives, minority floor leader of the senate and
23 minority floor leader of the house of representatives.

24 B. Appointments to the intrastate airline task
25 force shall be made by May 16, 2024 and shall function from the

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1 date of appointment until December 31, 2024. The task force
2 shall meet at the call of a co-chair or at the request of one-
3 third of its membership, and as necessary to carry out its
4 duties, but not less than once and no more than three times per
5 month. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the
6 transaction of business, and the support of a majority of the
7 members is required for adoption of any action.

8 C. The intrastate airline task force shall study
9 and provide recommendations on establishing an intrastate
10 airline transportation system to provide regular and consistent
11 flights between the cities of Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Hobbs,
12 Clovis and Gallup, including:

13 (1) the projected demand over the next fifteen
14 years, considering population density and trends, existing
15 transportation options and business and tourism activity;

16 (2) the necessary and optimal routes, flight
17 frequency, number of aircraft and types of aircraft to meet
18 projected demand;

19 (3) the projected profitability of an airline
20 that would service the flights;

21 (4) the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities
22 and benefits of the airline being privately owned, publicly
23 owned or operated via a public-private partnership;

24 (5) necessary new infrastructure and
25 modifications to existing infrastructure;

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1 (6) the costs, revenue and benefits to the
2 state for both a privately and publicly owned airline;

3 (7) federal law regulations with which an
4 intrastate airline transportation system would need to comply;
5 and

6 (8) any other actions required by the state to
7 facilitate the success of the intrastate airline transportation
8 system, including policy or legislative changes and potential
9 incentives to attract a private business to operate it.

10 D. The intrastate airline task force shall by
11 December 1, 2024 report its findings, recommendations and any
12 proposed legislation to the legislative finance committee, the
13 interim committee that studies economic and rural development
14 and policy, the interim committee that studies transportation
15 and any other appropriate legislative interim committees.

16 E. The intrastate airline task force may contract
17 with economists, consultants and other experts to assist the
18 task force in carrying out the provisions of this section.

19 F. Members of the intrastate airline task force are
20 entitled to receive per diem and mileage as provided in the Per
21 Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other compensation,
22 perquisite or allowance.

23 G. The economic development department shall
24 provide the necessary staff and administrative support to the
25 intrastate airline task force.

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