

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

**August 12, 2026
McKinley County Courthouse Annex
West Conference Room, Second Floor
207 West Hill Avenue
Gallup**

The third meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Art De La Cruz, chair, on August 12, 2026 at 9:53 a.m. in the West Conference Room of the McKinley County Courthouse Annex in Gallup.

Present

Rep. Art De La Cruz, Chair
Sen. Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
Rep. Cynthia Borrego
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Rep. Raymundo Lara
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom

Absent

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Sen. Micaelita Debbie O'Malley
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew

Advisory Members

Rep. Rod Montoya

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Heather Berghmans
Sen. Pat Boone
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Rep. Martha Garcia
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Anita Gonzales
Rep. Linda Serrato
Rep. Sarah Silva
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Guest Legislator

Rep. D. Wonda Johnson

Staff

Erin Bond, Researcher, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, LCS
Alyssa Reyes, 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.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the subcommittee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and subcommittee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Wednesday, August 12**Welcome (9:53 a.m.)**

Representative De La Cruz welcomed members of the subcommittee and members of the public to the meeting.

Welcome and Updates on Local Transportation Infrastructure (10:02 a.m.)

Marc DePauli, mayor, city of Gallup; Robert Baca, commissioner, District 3, and chair, McKinley County Board of County Commissioners; Anthony Dimas, county manager, McKinley County; and Dorothy Claw, transportation director, Ramah Navajo Department of Transportation, provided a history of the city of Gallup, an update on transportation-related projects in the area, future needs and specific district needs, updates on grants and updates on the county. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/12/2026&ItemNumber=1>.

Department of Transportation (DOT) District 6 Engineer Report (10:37 a.m.)

Lisa Boyd Vega, P.E., District 6 engineer, DOT, detailed transportation issues that Transportation District 6 is working to correct, provided an overview of the district's budget, provided updates on specific projects funded through House Bill 2 (2024), House Bill 2 (2025) and House Bill 2 (2026), projects funded by bonding and equipment needs and commented on future projects that the district would like to begin. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/12/2026&ItemNumber=2>.

Developing and Existing Rail in New Mexico (10:59 a.m.)

David Harris, A.I.C.P., executive director of modal programs, DOT, and Mike Stark, county manager, San Juan County, provided a summary of the current network scale and use of

railroad tracks through the state, presented on a 20-year vision for New Mexico's rail network and a comprehensive safety network, identified funding bottlenecks from the federal and state governments and provided an update on the Four Corners Freight Rail Project. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/12/2026&ItemNumber=3>.

Gallup Trade Port Development (1:07 p.m.)

Jeffrey Kiely, owner and principal, Kiely Consulting; Mr. Dimas; and Brandon Howe, deputy director, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, provided a long-term economic strategy for a trade port, including planning, development and funding, and presented on a rural trade port option, asset-based development opportunities and a request for legislative support. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/12/2026&ItemNumber=4>.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Tour of the Intersection of Transportation and Economic Development in Gallup (2:15 p.m.)

Subcommittee members and subcommittee staff toured locations in and around Gallup that may be used for transportation and economic development.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.