

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

**October 6, 2025
Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso
Room 106
709 Mechem Drive
Ruidoso**

The fourth meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Art De La Cruz, chair, at 9:07 a.m. on October 6, 2025 in Room 106 of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU)-Ruidoso in Ruidoso.

Present

Rep. Art De La Cruz, Chair
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Raymundo Lara

Absent

Sen. Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
Rep. Cynthia Borrego
Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Sen. Micaelita Debbie O'Malley
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew

Advisory Members

Rep. Rebecca Dow
Rep. Martha Garcia
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Anita Gonzales

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Heather Berghmans
Sen. Pat Boone
Rep. Rod Montoya
Rep. Sarah Silva
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Staff

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

Minutes Approval

The minutes for this meeting have not been approved by the subcommittee.

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.

Monday, October 6

Welcome and Introductions (9:07 a.m.)

Representative De La Cruz called the meeting to order and asked subcommittee members and staff to introduce themselves. Ryan Trosper, president, ENMU-Ruidoso; Robin DeMott, chief external affairs officer, ENMU-Ruidoso; and Todd DeKay, government relations officer, ENMU, spoke about their experiences at ENMU-Ruidoso after the recent natural disasters and provided an overview of ENMU-Ruidoso.

Autonomous Vehicles (AVs): The Future of Transportation (9:33 a.m.)

Robert Singleton, senior director, Policy and Public Affairs for California and the Western United States, Chamber of Progress; Bart Teeter, director, Fleet and Operational Safety, Bot Auto; and Jeff Farrah, chief executive officer, AV Industry Association, emphasized the importance of implementing better infrastructure, noting that AVs could be the future of transportation. They stated that vehicle-related deaths and injuries could be reduced with AVs and discussed transportation policies and studies being conducted on AVs. Mr. Farrah provided an overview of how the AV industry impacts the New Mexico economy, noting that Kodiak Robotics conducts work in the Permian Basin. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=10/6/2025&ItemNumber=1>.

Trucking in New Mexico (10:29 a.m.)

Raul Garcia, second vice president, New Mexico Trucking Association (NMTA), and Johnny Johnson, managing director, NMTA, discussed truck parking and stated that providing paid parking areas for truck drivers could generate revenue for the state.

Welcome and Updates on Local Transportation Infrastructure and Projects (10:47 a.m.)

Lynn D. Crawford, mayor, Village of Ruidoso; Jason Burns, county manager, Lincoln County; and Ron Sena, village manager, Village of Ruidoso, discussed the work done in Transportation District 2 and the village's ongoing recovery from recent natural disasters. They discussed the furtherance of road-maintenance projects and mentioned that the village has created relief routes for evacuation and programs for addressing potential future fires, which would ideally prevent significant damage.

Department of Transportation (DOT) District 2 Engineer Report (11:13 a.m.)

Francisco Sanchez, P.E., District 2 engineer, DOT, discussed the work being done in Transportation District 2, noting that it is the largest transportation district in the state. He provided a summary of the projects in Transportation District 2 that have been funded by appropriations from the General Fund. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=10/6/2025&ItemNumber=4>.

DOT District 4 Engineer Report (1:13 p.m.)

Adam Romero, P.E., District 4 engineer, DOT, discussed the Transportation District 4's past and current projects, including rest stops, driving lanes and improvements to Interstate 40. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=10/6/2025&ItemNumber=5>.

Modal Programs; Aviation Update; Transit and Rail Update; and Transportation Regulation and Ports of Entry (1:40 p.m.)

David Harris, executive director, Modal Programs, DOT; Jessi Litz-Rowden, director, Aviation Division, DOT; Kevin Olinger, director, Transit and Rail Division, DOT; and Alicia Ortiz, chief, Transportation Regulation Bureau, DOT, discussed how the DOT is working to expand the New Mexico airport system, the Transit and Rail Division and ports of entry and provided an overview of budgets and federal and state funding. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=10/6/2025&ItemNumber=6>.

Traffic Safety and Asset Management (2:46 p.m.)

Shannon Glendenning, director, Traffic Safety Division, DOT, and Virginia Stubella, chief, Asset Management Bureau, DOT, presented on the priorities of the Traffic Safety Division, which manages traffic-safety programs to reduce the number of and prevent traffic-related deaths and injuries. Ms. Glendenning discussed the division's funding, programs, research and data. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=10/6/2025&ItemNumber=10>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.