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The Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee met five times in the 2025 interim across New Mexico to examine the state's transportation infrastructure needs, funding gaps and future initiatives. The meetings were structured to gather diverse perspectives from state, local, federal and international officials, as well as private sector representatives.

Throughout the interim, a central focus of the subcommittee was on transportation infrastructure funding. Subcommittee discussions addressed the State Road Fund, Federal Highway Administration funding and the Department of Transportation's (DOT) project priorities, funding gaps and proposed legislation for the upcoming 2026 session. The subcommittee also received an analysis of national transportation revenue trends from the Tax Foundation at the November meeting in Los Alamos.

Discussions at the July meeting in Santa Teresa centered on border and international infrastructure. Presentations addressed the Santa Teresa Port of Entry, the Border Highway Connector project and the border industrial complex. This meeting also included presentations from officials from Ciudad Juárez and the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, highlighting a multinational approach to logistics and development.

The August, October and November meetings in Deming, Silver City, Ruidoso and Los Alamos featured updates from local officials and DOT district engineers on specific regional projects, local safety concerns and maintenance priorities, in addition to updates by the DOT's division directors on the department's modal programs, including aviation, transit, rail and transportation regulation. Lastly, the subcommittee spent substantial time during the interim reviewing safety and technology initiatives, including the DOT's "Target Zero Initiative", bridge conditions, the problem of uninsured motorists and future technologies like autonomous vehicles, artificial intelligence-driven safety platforms and intelligent transportation systems.

WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

**2025 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

Members

Rep. Art De La Cruz, Chair
Sen. Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
Rep. Cynthia Borrego
Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Jenifer Jones
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Sen. Micaelita Debbie O'Malley
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew

Advisory Members

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Heather Berghmans
Sen. Pat Boone
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Rep. Martha Garcia

Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Anita Gonzales
Rep. Rod Montoya
Rep. Sarah Silva
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Work Plan

The New Mexico Legislative Council created the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee on April 28, 2025 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 2025 interim and as time permits, the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee will review and discuss topics related to transportation infrastructure, including:

A. revenue:

1. current revenue sources and forecast, including the gasoline tax, special fuel excise tax, weight distance tax, vehicle registration fees and motor vehicle excise tax;
2. alternative revenue sources; and
3. an update on federal funding, including funding provided by the federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, the federal CHIPS Act of 2022, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2023;

B. the Department of Transportation, including an overview of and updates on the divisions, budgets, projects, funding, funding-related legislation from the 2025 legislative session, revenue forecast and transportation district engineer reports;

- C. costs - rising costs and ways to decrease costs of construction and maintenance;
- D. the future of transportation:
 - 1. autonomous vehicles;
 - 2. electric vehicles and the electric-vehicle charging grid;
 - 3. drones;
 - 4. commercial space; and
 - 5. roadable aircraft;
- E. intelligent roadways;
- F. transportation safety;
- G. bridge maintenance and repair;
- H. trade ports;
- I. public-private partnerships as a mechanism for transportation infrastructure development;
- J. high-occupancy vehicle lanes, bike lanes and roundabouts;
- K. uninsured motorist insurance coverage; and
- L. consideration of legislation for endorsement.

**Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee
2025 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 5	Santa Fe
July 16-17	Sunland Park
August 21-22	Deming/Silver City
October 6	Ruidoso
November 3	Los Alamos

AGENDAS AND MINUTES

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

**June 5, 2025
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe**

Thursday, June 5

- 9:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Art De La Cruz, Chair
- 9:35 a.m. (1) **[Legislative Review of Transportation-Related Bills and Financial Overview and 2025 Outlook of the Department of Transportation \(DOT\)](#)**
—Ricky Serna, Secretary, DOT
—Michael Morrison, Chief Economist, DOT
- 10:30 a.m. (2) **[DOT District 5 Engineer Report](#)**
—Rhonda Lopez, P.E., District 5 Engineer
- 11:30 a.m. (3) **[Discussion of Proposed Interim Work Plan and Meeting Schedule](#)**
—Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee Members
- 12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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

**June 5, 2025
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Art De La Cruz, chair, on June 5, 2025 at 9:43 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Art De La Cruz, Chair
Sen. Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
Rep. Cynthia Borrego
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Raymundo Lara
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom (via Zoom)

Absent

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

Advisory Members

Rep. Rebecca Dow
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Rod Montoya
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Heather Berghmans
Sen. Pat Boone
Rep. Martha Garcia
Rep. Anita Gonzales
Rep. Sarah Silva

Staff

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

Guests

The guest list in the meeting file.

Handouts

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References to Webcast

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Thursday, June 5

Call to Order and Introductions (9:43 a.m.)

Representative De La Cruz called the meeting to order and subcommittee members and staff introduced themselves.

Legislative Review of Transportation-Related Bills and Financial Overview and 2025 Outlook of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (9:49 a.m.)

Ricky Serna, secretary, DOT, provided an overview of legislation impacting the DOT and transportation in New Mexico, including differences between the executive budget recommendations and the passed budget. Michael Morrison, chief economist, DOT, discussed the forecasted declines in the State Road Fund and possible causes for the declines. Mr. Morrison also discussed how federal policies, such as recently imposed tariffs, could impact the DOT and New Mexico's transportation-based economies. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=6/5/2025&ItemNumber=1>.

DOT District 5 Engineer Report (11:16 a.m.)

Rhonda Lopez, P.E., District 5 engineer, DOT, reviewed the status of and funding for projects in Transportation District 5, which encompasses San Juan, Rio Arriba, Taos, Santa Fe, Torrance and Los Alamos counties, and noted that insufficient state funding for DOT projects could result in the loss of federal grants and delayed projects. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=6/5/2025&ItemNumber=2>.

Discussion of Proposed Interim Work Plan and Meeting Schedule (11:33 a.m.)

Representative De La Cruz stated that he would try to consider member requests when creating meeting agendas, and subcommittee members discussed additions to the work plan and meeting locations.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Revised: July 15, 2025

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

**July 16, 2025
Border Authority
221 Pete V. Domenici Highway
Santa Teresa**

**July 17, 2025
Multigenerational Center
4700 McNutt Road
Santa Teresa**

Wednesday, July 16

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order, Introductions and Welcome to Sunland Park**
—Representative Art De La Cruz, Chair
—Senator Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
—Representative Raymundo Lara
- 9:30 a.m. (1) **[Border Highway Connector and Other Border Infrastructure Projects](#)**
—Gerardo Fierro, Executive Director, Border Authority
—Joseph De La Rosa, Chair, Board of Directors, Border Authority
- 10:15 a.m. (2) **[Interstate and International Border Infrastructure Updates](#)**
—Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director, El Paso Metropolitan Planning
Commission
—Hector Ortiz Orpinel, City Clerk, City of Juarez
—Violeta Padilla, Secretary of Innovation and Economic Development,
State of Chihuahua
—Africa Zepeda, Director, Border Affairs, Mexican Ministry of Foreign
Relations
- 11:00 a.m. (3) **[BorderPlex Digital Assets, LLC Update on Border Infrastructure](#)**
—Lanham Napier, Chairman, BorderPlex Digital Assets, LLC
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. (4) **[Department of Transportation \(DOT\) Maintenance Prioritization and Funding Gaps](#)**
—Rick Padilla, P.E., Director, Highway Operations, DOT
—John Romero, P.E., Director, Highway Operations Support Division,
DOT

2:30 p.m. (5) **Bridge Conditions**
—David D. Quintana, P.E., Chief Engineer, Infrastructure Division, DOT
—Ray M. Trujillo, P.E., Bridge Bureau Chief, DOT
—Jeff Vigil, P.E., State Bridge Management Engineer, DOT
—Ben Najera, P.E., Bridge Design Section Manager, DOT

3:30 p.m. **Tour of the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and Industrial Parks
(Legislators and Staff Only)**

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, July 17

9:00 a.m. (6) **Welcome and City Transportation Infrastructure Update**
—Mario Juarez-Infante, City Manager, City of Sunland Park
—Marco Grajeda, City Director, City of Sunland Park
—Kyle Lim, General Manager, Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino
—Ahmad Mughni, Executive Director, Property Operations, Sunland Park
Racetrack and Casino

10:00 a.m. (7) **The Border Industrial Infrastructure and Update**
—Jerry Pacheco, President, The Border Industrial Association

11:00 a.m. (8) **Rail Infrastructure**
—Raquel Espinosa, Senior Director, Public Affairs, Union Pacific Railroad

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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

**July 16, 2025
Border Authority
221 Pete V. Domenici Highway
Santa Teresa**

**July 17, 2025
Multigenerational Center
4700 McNutt Road
Santa Teresa**

The second meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Art De La Cruz, chair, on July 16, 2025 at 9:23 a.m. at the Border Authority in Santa Teresa.

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
Sen. Micaelita Debbie O'Malley

Absent

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Sen. George K. Muñoz
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Sara Wiedmaier, Researcher, LCS
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Wednesday, July 16 — Border Authority

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions (9:23 a.m.)

Representative De La Cruz called the meeting to order and asked subcommittee members and staff to introduce themselves.

Border Highway Connector and Other Border Infrastructure Projects (9:33 a.m.)

Jonathan Macias, assistant county manager, Dona Ana County; Joseph De La Rosa, chair, Board of Directors, Border Authority; and Gerardo Fierro, executive director, Border Authority, presented on the Border Highway Connector and other projects. Mr. Fierro introduced representatives from Mexico and provided an update on the Santa Teresa Port of Entry, through which trade increased by 43% in just one year. Mr. De La Rosa explained how funding provided by the legislature is being used to construct a cargo runway to further develop the foreign trade zone and spoke about the funding gap for completing the Border Highway Connector.

Ricky Serna, secretary, Department of Transportation (DOT), said that the Border Highway Connector no longer has dedicated state funding due to legislation for that funding dying in the 2025 legislative session. He said that while the DOT is working with the Federal Highway Administration to secure an additional \$125 million in federal funds, it is possible that construction will not begin as scheduled in September. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=7/16/2025&ItemNumber=1>.

Interstate and International Border Infrastructure Updates (10:41 a.m.)

Africa Zepeda, director, Border Affairs, Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations, said that the modernization of the San Jeronimo-Santa Teresa Border Crossing is a priority for Mexico, especially with the closure of the Bridge of the Americas (BOTA). Eduardo Calvo, executive director, El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), discussed various projects being

worked on by the El Paso MPO. Hector Ortiz Orpinel, city clerk, City of Juarez, said that with the closing of the BOTA, the city is working on a mobility plan and communicating with various groups for funding. Alberto Nicolas Lopez, Municipal Institute for Research and Planning, City of Juarez, discussed development plans for the Santa Teresa Port of Entry. Violeta Padilla, secretary, Innovation and Economic Development, State of Chihuahua, discussed Plan Mexico, which provides tax incentives to encourage new investments, business relocation and job creation. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=7/16/2025&ItemNumber=2>.

BorderPlex Digital Assets, LLC Update on Border Infrastructure (11:45 a.m.)

Jennifer Bradfute, advocate, BorderPlex Digital Assets, LLC, and Lanham Napier, chairman, BorderPlex Digital Assets, LLC, provided information on the company's plans to build a digital infrastructure campus in Santa Teresa and potentially a second campus elsewhere in the state. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=7/16/2025&ItemNumber=3>.

DOT Maintenance Prioritization and Funding Gaps (1:39 p.m.)

John Romero, P.E., director, Highway Operations Support Division, DOT, discussed the DOT's plans for pavement preservation throughout the state, including flood mitigation efforts for roads in the Village of Ruidoso. Rick Padilla, P.E., director, Highway Operations, DOT, discussed fiscal year 2026 maintenance projects for Transportation Districts 1 through 6 and the department's general office. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=7/16/2025&ItemNumber=4>.

Approval of Minutes (2:41 p.m.)

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, and without any objections, the subcommittee approved the minutes of the June 5, 2025 meeting.

Bridge Conditions (2:44 p.m.)

David D. Quintana, P.E., chief engineer, Infrastructure Division, DOT; Ray M. Trujillo, P.E., bridge bureau chief, DOT; Jeff Vigil, P.E., state bridge management engineer, DOT; and Ben Najera, P.E., bridge design section manager, DOT, presented an overview of the Bridge Bureau of the DOT, which includes sections in bridge management, bridge design and bridge construction. Mr. Najera explained that the DOT is responsible for inspecting and maintaining all bridges in the state except those on federal lands. He said that while the percentage of

bridges in the state in poor condition has improved, nearly two-thirds of the state's bridges are only in fair condition. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=7/16/2025&ItemNumber=5>.

Tour of the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and Industrial Parks (3:30 p.m.)

Members of the committee and staff toured the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and Industrial Parks.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday July 17 — Multigenerational Center

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:22 a.m.

Welcome and City Transportation Infrastructure Update (9:32 a.m.)

Mario Juarez-Infante, city manager, City of Sunland Park, discussed transportation planned throughout the city and the creation of an entertainment corridor. Ulysus Torres, director of youth soccer, El Paso Locomotive F.C., discussed the resources provided by the football club to youth and young families in the area. Ahmad Mughni, executive director, Property Operations, Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino, provided a brief history of the racetrack and discussed the current status of and improvements to the racetrack.

The Border Industrial Infrastructure and Update (10:24 a.m.)

Jerry Pacheco, president, The Border Industrial Association, provided an overview of business growth on both sides of the Mexico-New Mexico border. Mr. Pacheco discussed the expansion of the Santa Teresa Overweight Zone and the need for improvements to schools, housing and daycare in Santa Teresa.

Rail Infrastructure (11:29 a.m.)

Raquel Espinosa, senior director, Public Affairs, Union Pacific Railroad, presented on the railroad's operations near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry. Raymundo Vasquez, regional manager, Hazardous Material, Union Pacific Railroad, discussed the railroad's emergency responder partnerships and how the railroad focuses on investing in safety. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=7/16/2025&ItemNumber=8>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Revised: August 19, 2025

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

**August 21, 2025
Mimbres Valley Learning Center
2300 E. Pine Street
Deming**

**August 22, 2025
Western New Mexico University
J. Cloyd Miller Library
1000 W. College Avenue
Silver City**

Thursday, August 21 — Deming

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Art De La Cruz, Chair
—Senator Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
- 10:05 a.m. (1) **[Welcome and Updates on Local Transportation Infrastructure and Projects](#)**
—Representative Jenifer Jones
—Chris Brice, County Manager, Luna County
—Aaron Sera, City Manager, City of Deming
—Philip H. Skinner, Mayor, Village of Columbus
—Charles Turner, Government Affairs Coordinator, Deming Public School District
—Carol Ness, Managing Member, American Magnesium LLC
- 11:00 a.m. (2) **[Local Transportation Safety Concerns](#)**
—Representative Jenifer Jones
—Jeff Gephart, Superintendent, Animas Public School District
—Russell Johnson, Rancher
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (3) **[Target Zero Initiative Overview and Update](#)**
—Amy Whitfield, Special Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

- 1:45 p.m. (4) [DOT District 6 Engineer Report](#)
—Lisa Boyd Vega, P.E., District 6 Engineer, DOT
- 2:30 p.m. (5) [DOT District 1 Engineer Report](#)
—Aaron Chavarria, P.E., M.B.A., District 1 Engineer, DOT
- 3:00 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 3:05 p.m. **Tour of Local Infrastructure and Port of Entry (Legislators, Staff and Executive Officials Only)**
- 4:30 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, August 22 — Silver City

- 10:00 a.m. (6) [Welcome to Western New Mexico University and Local Updates](#)
—Christopher Maples, Ph.D., Interim President, Western New Mexico University
—Romeo Cruz, President, Grant County Prospectors, Inc.
- 10:30 a.m. (7) [A Non-Invasive, No-Cost, No-Risk Solution to the Uninsured Motorists Problem](#)
—Michael Olguin, President, New Mexico Community Safety Company
—Jonathan Miller, Chairman, Diversion Management, LLC
- 11:15 a.m. (8) [DOT Major Construction Projects: Funded and Unfunded](#)
—David D. Quintana, P.E., Chief Engineer, Infrastructure Division, DOT
—Manuelito Maestas, P.E., Director, Programs Division, DOT
—Jolene Herrera, Chief, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Bureau, DOT
- 11:45 a.m. (9) [State Road Fund and Federal Highway Administration Funding: Past, Present and Future](#)
—Ricky Serna, Secretary, DOT
—Mallery Manzanares, Director, Administrative Services, DOT
—Michael Morrison, Chief Economist, DOT
- 1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

*Members of the public may make comments during the public comment portion of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Additional Information" section of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee [web page](#).

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of the
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of the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**August 21, 2025
Mimbres Valley Learning Center
2300 E. Pine Street
Deming**

**August 22, 2025
Western New Mexico University
J. Cloyd Miller Library
1000 W. College Avenue
Silver City**

The third meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Art De La Cruz, chair, on August 21, 2025 at 10:13 a.m at the Mimbres Valley Learning Center in Deming.

Present

Rep. Art De La Cruz, Chair
Sen. Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
Rep. Cynthia Borrego
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Rep. Raymundo Lara

Absent

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Sen. George K. Muñoz
Sen. Micaelita Debbie O'Malley
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Advisory Members

Rep. Rebecca Dow
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Sen. Heather Berghmans
Sen. Pat Boone
Rep. Martha Garcia
Rep. Anita Gonzales
Rep. Rod Montoya
Rep. Sarah Silva
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Guest Legislators

Rep. Luis M. Terrazas
Sen. Gabriel Ramos (8/21)

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

Staff

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

Minutes Approval

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

Guests

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Thursday, August 21 — Deming**Welcome and Introductions (10:13 a.m.)**

Representative De La Cruz greeted everyone, and subcommittee members and staff introduced themselves.

Welcome and Updates on Local Transportation Infrastructure and Projects (10:24 a.m.)

Representative Jones welcomed the subcommittee to her district and introduced local government members in attendance. Chris Brice, county manager, Luna County, discussed the state of transportation infrastructure projects in Luna County and emphasized the impact of poor water management and lack of drainage on roads and at the Columbus Port of Entry. Charles Turner, government affairs coordinator, Deming Public School District, stated that several students cross the border at the Columbus Port of Entry to attend school in Deming and thus, the port of entry is also a school bus stop. Mr. Turner highlighted the dangers of poor drainage at the port of entry to students waiting for the bus. Philip H. Skinner, mayor, Village of Columbus, reminded the subcommittee of the tour of the Columbus Port of Entry to be held that afternoon.

Carol Ness, managing member, American Magnesium LLC, discussed the progress of a magnesium mining project near Deming, which requires adequate roads for trucks transporting rocks and minerals.

Aaron Sera, city manager, City of Deming, reviewed the city's beautification and landscaping projects for on- and off-ramps along Interstate 10 and introduced Michele Shillito,

mayor, City of Deming, and Cassie Arias-Ward, economic and tourism development coordinator, City of Deming.

At the chair's request, Ricky Serna, secretary, Department of Transportation (DOT), reviewed DOT funding available to local governments for transportation infrastructure improvements. Aaron Chavarria, P.E., M.B.A., District 1 engineer, DOT, reviewed some of the DOT's work in Luna County, which is part of Transportation District 1.

Local Transportation Safety Concerns (11:43 a.m.)

Jeff Gephart, superintendent, Animas Public School District; Russell Johnson, rancher; William Chadborn, sheriff, Hidalgo County; Representative Jones; Joseph Flores, sergeant, Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office; and Jeff Perales, lieutenant, New Mexico State Police, presented on road-safety concerns in Luna and Hidalgo Counties, including the lack of adequate pull-off areas on two-lane highways, illegal practices related to wide loads and threats due to dust storms. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/21/2025&ItemNumber=2>.

Target Zero Initiative Overview and Update (1:41 p.m.)

Amy Whitfield, special director, DOT, reviewed the DOT's plan to reach zero traffic-related fatalities by 2050. Ms. Whitfield stated that the strategic safety plan includes highway safety improvement programs and changes to drivers' education. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/21/2025&ItemNumber=3>.

DOT District 6 Engineer Report (2:49 p.m.)

Lisa Boyd Vega, P.E., District 6 engineer, DOT, reviewed the status of and funding for projects in Transportation District 6, which encompasses Cibola and McKinley Counties, portions of Sandoval, San Juan, Rio Arriba, Valencia and Socorro Counties and the majority of Catron County. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/21/2025&ItemNumber=4>.

Approval of Minutes (3:06 p.m.)

On a motion made and passed unanimously, the subcommittee approved the minutes of the July 16-17, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Tour of Local Infrastructure and Port of Entry (3:30 p.m.)

The subcommittee toured Deming's infrastructure and the Columbus Port of Entry.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, August 22 — Silver City**Reconvene**

The meeting reconvened at 10:17 a.m. Representatives Terrazas and Dow welcomed the subcommittee to Silver City.

Welcome to Western New Mexico University and Local Updates (10:23 a.m.)

Christopher Maples, Ph.D., interim president, Western New Mexico University, welcomed the subcommittee to the university. Priscilla Lucero, second vice president, Grant County Prospectors, Inc., and executive director, Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments, welcomed the subcommittee to Grant County and highlighted projects in the area.

Howie Morales, lieutenant governor, State of New Mexico, welcomed the subcommittee and spoke about the importance of transportation infrastructure in rural New Mexico.

A Non-Invasive, No-Cost, No-Risk Solution to the Uninsured Motorists Problem (11:07 a.m.)

Michael Olguin, president, New Mexico Community Safety Company, and Jonathan Miller, chairman, Diversion Management, LLC, discussed the hazards posed by uninsured vehicles and drivers. They proposed that the state establish a public-private partnership to use automated national non-invasive insurance enforcement to ameliorate the issue. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/21/2025&ItemNumber=7>.

DOT Major Construction Projects: Funded and Unfunded (11:46 a.m.)

David D. Quintana, P.E., chief engineer, Infrastructure Division, DOT, provided a review of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the budget requirements for construction projects managed by the program. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/21/2025&ItemNumber=8>.

State Road Fund and Federal Highway Administration Funding: Past, Present and Future (12:10 p.m.)

Mr. Serna and Michael Morrison, chief economist, DOT, spoke about the ways in which funding for highways in New Mexico has and continues to change since the 2010s, including the

impact of fuel-efficient vehicles to the State Road Fund and evolving state and federal priorities. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/21/2025&ItemNumber=9>.

DOT District 1 Engineer Report (12:24 p.m.)

Mr. Chavarria provided an update on construction projects in Transportation District 1, which includes Hidalgo, Grant, Luna, Dona Ana, Sierra and Socorro Counties, as well as the southern tip of Catron County. He emphasized the need for mitigation efforts to reduce dust storms along highways in the district. In response to questions from the subcommittee, Mr. Serna spoke about the status of projects in Hidalgo County, including a bridge in the City of Lordsburg that closed because of safety concerns. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/21/2025&ItemNumber=5>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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

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

Monday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Art De La Cruz, Chair
—Senator Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
- 9:05 a.m. (1) **Autonomous Vehicles: The Future of Transportation**
—Jeff Farrah, Chief Executive Officer, Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association
—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
- 9:45 a.m. (2) **Trucking in New Mexico**
—Johnny Johnson, Managing Director, New Mexico Trucking Association (NMTA)
—Stanley Grant, Chair, Board of Directors, NMTA
- 10:30 a.m. (3) **Welcome and Updates on Local Transportation Infrastructure and Projects**
—Lynn D. Crawford, Mayor, Village of Ruidoso
—Jason Burns, County Manager, Lincoln County
- 11:30 a.m. (4) **Department of Transportation (DOT) District 2 Engineer Report**
—Francisco Sanchez, P.E., District 2 Engineer, DOT
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. (5) **DOT District 4 Engineer Report**
—Adam Romero, P.E., District 4 Engineer, DOT
- 2:00 p.m. (6) **Modal Programs**
—David Harris, Executive Director, Modal Programs, DOT

- 2:15 p.m. (7) [Aviation Update](#)
—Jessi Litz-Rowden, Director, Aviation Division, DOT
- 2:40 p.m. (8) [Transit and Rail Update](#)
—Kevin Olinger, Director, Transit and Rail Division, DOT
- 3:05 p.m. (9) [Transportation Regulation and Ports of Entry](#)
—Alicia Ortiz, Chief, Transportation Regulation Bureau, DOT
- 3:30 p.m. (10) [Traffic Safety and Asset Management](#)
—Shannon Glendenning, Director, Traffic Safety Division, DOT
—Virginia Stubella, Chief, Asset Management Bureau, DOT
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

**MINUTES
of the
FOURTH MEETING
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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

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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.

Revised: October 22, 2025

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

**November 3, 2025
Council Chambers
Los Alamos County Municipal Building
1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos**

Monday, November 3

- 9:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Art De La Cruz, Chair
—Senator Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
- 9:35 a.m. (1) **[Welcome and Updates on Local Transportation Infrastructure and Projects](#)**
—Anne Laurent, County Manager, Los Alamos County
—Juan Rael, Deputy County Manager, Los Alamos County
—Eric Martinez, Public Works Director, Los Alamos County
—James Barela, Transit Division Manager, Los Alamos County
- 10:15 a.m. (2) **[Department of Transportation \(DOT\) Proposed Legislation for the 2025 Legislative Session and Update on Traffic Enforcement Cameras](#)**
—Ricky Serna, Secretary, DOT
- 11:45 a.m. (3) **[DOT District 3 Engineer Report](#)**
—Gregory Clarke, P.E., Assistant District Engineer, DOT
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. (4) **[Samsara's Connected Operations Platform: Artificial Intelligence-Driven Safety and Efficiency for New Mexico](#)**
—Morgan Roth, Manager, Public Policy and Government Relations, Samsara
—Mason Heller II, National Director, Public Sector Enterprise, Samsara
- 2:00 p.m. (5) **[Transportation Revenue: National Trends and New Mexico's Approach](#)**
—Jacob Macumber-Rosin, Excise Tax Policy Analyst, Tax Foundation

- 3:15 p.m. (6) **DOT Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**
—Charles Remkes, P.E., Manager, ITS, DOT
- 3:45 p.m. (7) **Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement**
—TBD
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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

**November 3, 2025
Council Chambers
Los Alamos County Municipal Building
1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos**

The fifth meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Art De La Cruz, chair, on November 3, 2025 at 9:35 a.m. at the council chambers of the Los Alamos County Municipal Building in Los Alamos.

Present

Rep. Art De La Cruz, Chair
Sen. Antonio Maestas, Vice Chair
Rep. Cynthia Borrego
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Rep. Jenifer Jones

Absent

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown
Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Raymundo Lara
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Sen. George K. Muñoz
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Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Guest Legislator

Rep. Joseph Franklin Hernandez

Staff

D. Martin Fischer, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Erin Bond, Researcher, LCS
Domenica Nieto, Research Assistant, LCS
Gabriel Suazo, 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 3

Introductions (9:35 a.m.)

Subcommittee members and staff introduced themselves.

Welcome and Updates on Local Transportation Infrastructure and Projects (9:36 a.m.)

Anne Laurent, county manager, Los Alamos County; Juan Rael, deputy county manager, Los Alamos County; Eric Martinez, public works director, Los Alamos County; James Barela, transit division manager, Los Alamos County; and Jessica Strong, social services manager, Los Alamos County, discussed proposed changes to Los Alamos County's gross receipts tax (GRT) in response to federal budget cuts. Ms. Laurent noted that, even with an increased GRT, the county faces unsustainable deficits in its budget and discussed the county's partnerships with neighboring communities, services provided by the county and needed infrastructure projects in the district. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/3/2025&ItemNumber=1>.

Department of Transportation (DOT) Proposed Legislation for the 2026 Legislative Session and Update on Traffic Enforcement Cameras (10:12 a.m.)

Ricky Serna, secretary, DOT, discussed the department's funding and priorities for the 2026 legislative session, with an emphasis on a proposed bonding bill similar to House Bill 145 (2025). The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/3/2025&ItemNumber=2>.

DOT District 3 Engineer Report (10:49 a.m.)

Paul Brasher, P.E., District 3 engineer, DOT, and Gregory Clarke, P.E., assistant district engineer, DOT, discussed the budget and projects of Transportation District 3, which encompasses all of Bernalillo and Valencia counties, portions of Sandoval and Socorro counties and the cities of Albuquerque and Rio Rancho. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/3/2025&ItemNumber=3>.

Public Comment (12:52 p.m.)

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

DOT Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) (1:01 p.m.)

Charles Remkes, P.E., manager, ITS, DOT, explained that intelligent roadways integrate technology such as sensors, artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics to improve traffic management, safety and efficiency. He stated that the DOT uses ITS information internally and shares information with various entities, such as city governments, the New Mexico State Police and third parties such as Waze, to assist the department in making operational decisions. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/3/2025&ItemNumber=6>.

Samsara's Connected Operations Platform: AI-Driven Safety and Efficiency for New Mexico (1:51 p.m.)

Morgan Roth, manager, Public Policy and Government Relations, Samsara, and Mason Heller II, national director, Public Sector Enterprise, Samsara, reviewed AI-enhanced services that Samsara provides to optimize transportation, such as dual-facing dashboard cameras that scan the inside and outside of vehicles for safety concerns. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/3/2025&ItemNumber=4>.

Transportation Revenue: National Trends and New Mexico's Approach (2:42 p.m.)

Jacob Macumber-Rosin, excise tax policy analyst, Tax Foundation, spoke about problems with fuel taxes and proposed other taxes or fees to support transportation infrastructure, such as motor vehicle excise taxes and vehicle miles traveled taxes. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/3/2025&ItemNumber=5>.

Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement

No legislation was considered for endorsement.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.



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