

**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
Sen. Micaelita Debbie O'Malley
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew

Advisory Members

Sen. Heather Berghmans
Rep. Anita Gonzales

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Pat Boone
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Rep. Martha Garcia
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Rod Montoya
Rep. Sarah Silva
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

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, 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.