

**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

Rep. Gail Armstrong  
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**

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](http://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 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%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](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.