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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Pinto DATE TYPED: 01/31/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Expand Highway 666 SB 3/aSCORC

ANALYST: Gilbert

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
\$130,000.0				Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From
State Highway and Transportation Department (SHTD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SCORC Amendment

The Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee amendment to Senate Bill 3 reduced the original appropriation contained in this bill from \$145.0 million to \$130.0 million. This bill contains an emergency clause.

Technical corrections pertaining to the exact location of this project were made on page 1, line 21.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 3 appropriates \$145 million to continue the four-lane expansion of U.S. Highway 666 from Navajo Route 9 to Navajo Route 36 near Shiprock. This bill contains an emergency clause.

Significant Issues

Completion of this project will require negotiation of right-of-way and utility easement agreements between the State Highway and Transportation Department (SHTD) and the Navajo Nation.

The SHTD received \$1 million in federal funds for the preliminary design phase of this project. According to the SHTD, these funds have been used to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Navajo Nation for pre-construction activities. Additionally, SHTD has budgeted \$7.5 million for completing design services related to the U.S. 666 project.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$130,000.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2006 shall revert to the general fund. This bill contains an emergency clause.

The SHTD states that completion of this project will require ongoing substantive operations and maintenance budget increases for two SHTD districts encompassing this project.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The SHTD states that SB3 will require increased manpower and support equipment utilization for two SHTD district offices affected by this project.

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