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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gonzales DATE TYPED 02/24/05 HJM 55

SHORT TITLE Taos Upper Ranchitos Road Responsibility SB _____

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			100.0	Non-recurring	State Road Fund
			30.0	Recurring	State Road Fund

Duplicates: Senate Joint Memorial 48

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Transportation

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 55 requests the Department of Transportation to take over and maintain Upper Ranchitos Road in Taos County.

Significant Issues

The Department of Transportation would incur higher maintenance costs, increased lane miles to maintain, and additional planning and budgeting for maintenance and improvements in taking over and assuming maintenance responsibility for Upper Ranchitos Road in Taos County.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The department of transportation indicates that maintaining an additional ten (10) lane miles utilizing the same number of FTE positions would be problematic. Furthermore, the higher number

of lane miles per FTE would have to be maintained based on the same amount of funding currently available.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Upper Ranchitos Road is a narrow local road through residential and farmland properties. If required to assume maintenance responsibilities for Upper Ranchitos Road, the Department of Transportation would require extensive resources to upgrade the roadway to state standards including, but not limited to, right-of-way impacts, roadway widening and drainage improvements, as well as annual recurring maintenance costs. Preliminary estimates to upgrade Upper Ranchitos Road to state standards approach one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). Annual recurring maintenance costs are estimated at approximately thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

In assuming maintenance responsibility of Upper Ranchitos Road, the Department of Transportation would have to plan and budget maintenance operations for an additional ten (10) lane miles based on a fixed annual budget.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Upper Ranchitos Road is a narrow local road with limited right-of-way, horizontal alignment restrictions and roadway/private drainage issues. Extensive resources and funding would be required to address these issues to upgrade roadway to state standards.

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