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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	ORIGINAL DATE 2/06/06		
SPONSOR	Ortiz y Pino	LAST UPDATED	HB
	ALBUQUERQUE COMMUNITY-BASED		
SHORT TITLE	PLANNING	SB	643
		ANALYST	Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$100.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates, Relates to, Conflicts with, Companion to

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act
 Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 643 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY07 to support community-based planning initiatives in Albuquerque's north valley and downtown neighborhoods for the study and design of traffic calming and neighborhood improvement projects, to be organized and conducted by the Design and Planning Assistance Center at the University of New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA noted that traffic calming and other physical designs that are out of the ordinary often raise fears among residents that they are inappropriate or out of scale for their neighborhoods. At the same time, conventional street and intersection improvements often make even the mundane act of crossing the street too dangerous for pedestrians, when traffic levels are too high and street widths too wide. New types of traffic calming and other neighborhood improvement projects, such as roundabouts, chicanes and bulbouts, would be better supported if citizens had a meaningful opportunity to be involved in the planning process, along with planners and designers skilled at both listening to citizens and designing clear solutions. The bill calls for the study and design of traffic calming and neighborhood improvement projects. Funding would be transferred to UNM's Design and Planning Assistance Center to do the work. The Center would be expected to conduct planning workshops in Albuquerque's north valley and downtown neighborhoods to achieve consensus on the types of traffic calming and other physical designs.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA indicated funds would be transferred through a joint powers agreement from DFA to UNM.

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