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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vigil ORIGINAL DATE 02/08/09
LAST UPDATED HJM 28
SHORT TITLE Extend Rail Runner from Santa Fe to Las Vegas SB
ANALYST Moser

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$50.0		\$50.0	Nonrecurring	State Road Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Transportation

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 28 requests the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to complete a feasibility study to determine possible routes, optimum frequency of trips and potential costs of extending the Rail Runner Express from Santa Fe to Las Vegas. It stipulates that this study should create plans that can be set in action to maximize the use of possible funds that the federal government may make available in the future for public transit systems. An, it also stipulates that those plans should also consider the need to ease the congestion on state highways running from Las Vegas in northern New Mexico to Las Cruces in southern New Mexico to reduce the need for expansion of highways and the costs of maintaining those highways. It requires that the feasibility study, when complete, be presented to appropriate legislative interim committees by November 2010 and that a copy be submitted to the library of the Legislative Council Service.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMDOT estimates the cost of this study at \$50,000. This study and the funding required to conduct the study are not included in NMDOT's FY 2010 work program or FY 2010 budget request.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The completion of the feasibility study referenced in HJM 28 would require the NMDOT to engage the services of a consulting firm experienced in preparing such feasibility studies. NMDOT estimates the cost of this study at \$50,000.

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