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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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| SPONSOR | <u>Little/Garratt/Borrego/Pope/Hernandez</u> | LAST UPDATED | <u>3/14/2022</u> |
| | | ORIGINAL DATE | <u>3/14/2022</u> |
| SHORT TITLE | <u>Study Unser Boulevard Improvements</u> | BILL NUMBER | <u>House Memorial 81</u> |
| | | ANALYST | <u>Simon</u> |

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

| | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|--|------------------|------|------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | No fiscal impact | | | | | |

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Transportation

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Memorial 81

House Memorial 81 requests the Department of Transportation conduct a feasibility study to improve Unser Boulevard in Albuquerque.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Memorials do not carry appropriations.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Memorial 81 requests the Department of Transportation (NMDOT) conduct a feasibility study to identify improvements to Unser Boulevard in Albuquerque, in coordination with the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, the Metropolitan Albuquerque Business Improvement District, the Mid-Regional Council of Governments and other stakeholders.

The memorial further requests the feasibility study be presented to the interim legislative committee dealing with economic development and infrastructure issues.

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NMDOT is unlikely to be able to study improvements to most of Unser Boulevard. The department is statutorily limited to work on state highways (see Section 67-3-8(E) NMSA 1978) and does not have jurisdiction over a majority of Unser Boulevard. According to the department's inventory of New Mexico roads, a small portion of the road is a state highway, from the junction at Central Avenue and north for 3.636 miles to the junction of St. Josephs Avenue. The memorial notes the road runs from New Mexico highway 550 to Dennis Chavez boulevard, approximately 28 miles. The department could work in coordination with these other entities to study improvements to the 3.6 miles under the jurisdiction of the department.

NMDOT suggests requesting the study from the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, noting these entities also employ professional engineers qualified to oversee the study.

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