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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lundstrom **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/25/10
LAST UPDATED _____ **HM** 9
SHORT TITLE Continue Review of State Transportation Needs **SB** _____
ANALYST Wilson

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$5.0-\$15.0				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 9 requests a continuation of the 2009 review of the state's current and future transportation needs to identify appropriate funding strategies for a sustainable transportation system.

The Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOT) is requested to appoint a technical committee whose members shall include representatives of DOT, Taxation and Revenue Department, New Mexico division of the Federal Highway Administration, associated contractors of New Mexico, American Council of engineering companies of New Mexico, New Mexico passenger transportation association, regional planning organizations, metropolitan planning organizations, New Mexico Municipal League, New Mexico Association Of Counties, New Mexico Trucking Association other transportation and aviation associations, chambers of commerce.

The technical committee is requested to develop an education campaign to inform the residents of New Mexico on the current state of the transportation system and the importance of preserving, maintaining and enhancing the transportation infrastructure for the future of New Mexico and to recommend alternative funding strategies to be available for use by decision-makers to aid in addressing sustainable transportation systems for New Mexico.

Copies of this memorial shall be transmitted to the governor, the Secretary of DOT and the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation.

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The results of this effort shall be submitted to the governor and the appropriate interim legislative committee no later than November 15, 2010.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The DOT and other named agencies will have to handle this study with existing resources

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In 2007, House Memorial 35 was approved and in 2009, House Memorial 5 was approved and committees were formed to identify appropriate funding strategies for a sustainable transportation system.

The committees formed pursuant to House Memorial 35 and House Memorial 5 convened numerous times and provided valuable input to the legislature regarding transportation funding.

Problems and concerns that were studied by the committees are serious and ongoing.

State and local transportation agencies continue to experience funding shortfalls due to decreases in revenues and the erosion of the purchasing power of revenues due to inflation, traffic increases and infrastructure growth; and

This situation continues to affect ongoing maintenance and operations for highway and street infrastructure as well as other forms of transportation; and

The residents of the state are increasingly dependent on alternative modes of public transportation; and

The state, counties, municipalities and tribes have different and equally compelling needs to maintain and improve transportation infrastructure;

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The agencies affected by this bill will have to handle the provisions of this memorial with existing staff as part of ongoing responsibilities.

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