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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/3/17

SPONSOR Wirth LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Hwy. 285 "Max Coll Corridor" SM 6

ANALYST Esquibel

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$2.5			\$2.5	Recurring	Santa Fe County

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Senate Memorial 6 and House Memorial 2 are duplicate memorials.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 6 (SM6) requests the New Mexico State Transportation Commission (STC) to designate as the "Max Coll Corridor" the portion of U.S. 285 between the Lamy turnoff (milepost 284.3), commonly known as "Old Lamy Trail," to Interstate-25 Exit 290 (milepost 290.6), commonly known as the "Lamy Exit," hereinafter referred to as the "Subject Portion of US 285."

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The memorial does not include an appropriation.

The Department of Transportation (NMDOT) indicates the cost associated with production and installation of four to six signs along the Subject Portion of U.S. 285 is approximately \$2.5 thousand. Pursuant to State Transportation Commission (STC) Policy No. 61, *Memorial or Honorary Designation or Dedication of Highways, Transportation Facilities and Structures*, the local government entity in which the highway requested for designation or dedication is located is responsible for all costs associated with the installation, routine maintenance or replacement of

signs due to damage, normal wear and tear or vandalism. The Subject Portion of U.S. 285 is located within Santa Fe County; accordingly, Santa Fe County would be responsible for these costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Transportation reports under the provisions of State Transportation Commission (STC) Policy 61, the STC may take action to dedicate the Subject Portion of U.S. 285 as the “Max Coll Corridor.” If the STC takes such action, Santa Fe County would be responsible for (1) installing, within one year of the STC’s dedication, appropriate signage in accordance with the “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices” and the “Roadside Design Guide” at no cost to NMDOT; and (2) inspecting the signage annually and performing all maintenance, repairs and replacement of the signage at no cost to NMDOT.

The proposed dedication limits should not overlap with previous designations or dedications. In 1953, the former New Mexico State Highway Commission designated a number of U.S. routes in New Mexico, including the entire length of U.S. 285, as the “Blue Star Memorial Highway,” which was formally recognized by the Federal Highway Administration. NMDOT staff contacted the Federal Highway Administration, New Mexico Division Office (“FHWA NM”) regarding the proposed dedication of the Subject Portion of U.S. 285 and the potential conflict with the existing “Blue Star Memorial Highway” designation. FHWA NM indicated it would not object to the proposed dedication, provided the dedication fully complies with state policies governing roadway dedications. Other than the “Blue Star Memorial Highway” designation, there are no other known designations that conflict with the proposed dedication of the Subject Portion of U.S. 285.

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