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## INTERIM SUMMARY



## **Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee 2022 Interim Summary**

The Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee held four meetings in 2022. In Gallup and Taos, the locations the subcommittee traveled to during the interim, the subcommittee heard updates on transportation infrastructure needs in those areas. The subcommittee also heard presentations throughout the interim on broadband expansion; electric vehicle infrastructure needs; the implementation of the Wildlife Corridors Act; and several presentations related to rail, including an update on the New Mexico Rail Runner Express and a proposed Four Corners rail project. After the August and September meeting held in Taos, members traveled to Questa for the dedication of the Senator Carlos R. Cisneros Memorial Highway.

The Department of Transportation also provided several comprehensive reports of its work, including in-depth reports on letting projects by district and a detailed presentation on the taxes and fees that provide revenue for transportation infrastructure in New Mexico, how the revenue is distributed and how the rates of taxes and fees compare with those of other states.





## WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE



**2022 APPROVED  
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE  
for the  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Members**

Rep. Joy Garratt, Chair  
Sen. Bill Tallman, Vice Chair  
Rep. Anthony Allison  
Sen. David M. Gallegos  
Rep. Harry Garcia  
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales  
Sen. Ron Griggs

Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom  
Rep. Willie D. Madrid  
Sen. George K. Munoz  
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew  
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert  
Rep. Angelica Rubio

**Advisory Members**

Sen. Craig W. Brandt  
Rep. Ambrose Castellano  
Rep. Christine Chandler  
Rep. Randal S. Crowder  
Rep. Rebecca Dow

Rep. Susan K. Herrera  
Rep. Rod Montoya  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana  
Rep. Linda Serrato

**Approved Work Plan**

The New Mexico Legislative Council created the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee on April 26, 2022 to develop recommendations to meet the needs of New Mexico's businesses and residents for transportation and infrastructure and to identify current and new sources of revenue.

During the 2022 interim, the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee will review and discuss the following topics, as time permits:

1. financing and future investment needs for New Mexico transportation and infrastructure;
2. the interstate highway system in New Mexico;
3. Department of Transportation construction, maintenance and paving schedules, environmental concerns and public safety and a user guide to the Department of Transportation website;
4. autonomous vehicles;
5. interstate trucking and frontage road development;
6. the use and expansion of rail services;

7. roads and highways on Native American land, including school bus routes and use by commercial vehicles;
8. intermodal facilities and ports of entry;
9. highway conditions and safety;
10. transportation issues relevant to the oil and gas industry and other related industries;
11. transportation issues relevant to the agriculture industry;
12. rural transit and paratransit systems and opportunities to improve services and share resources with state and federal entities;
13. metropolitan area highway conditions and transportation plans;
14. public-private partnerships to improve infrastructure;
15. bus systems and public transportation, including zero-fare programs;
16. bike and pedestrian trails and infrastructure improvements, safety needs and local solutions, including bicycle mechanic programs and disability accommodation;
17. electrification plans in New Mexico for personal vehicles and public transportation;
18. intelligent transportation systems;
19. new fuel technology, including hydrogen and other fuels;
20. broadband expansion, accessibility and rights of way;
21. clean fuel standards;
22. the gasoline tax and vehicle excise tax;
23. disability mobility and access to transportation;
24. heat islands and water infrastructure and green stormwater management;
25. wildlife crossings and corridors;
26. urban sprawl and high-density workforce housing;
27. the use of drones and possible regulation of drone technology;

28. the proposed national infrastructure bank;
29. an accounting of the available electricity;
30. road user fees;
31. regional transportation systems;
32. aviation and airports;
33. electric vehicle charging stations; and
34. an update on House Joint Resolution 1 (2022), the proposed constitutional amendment to allow public investment to provide access to essential household services, including internet, energy, water, wastewater and other similar services.

**Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee  
2022 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 10	Santa Fe
July 5-6	Gallup
August 31-September 1	Taos
October 3-4	Santa Fe

# AGENDAS AND MINUTES





**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
FIRST MEETING  
of the  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**June 10, 2022  
State Capitol, Room 322  
Santa Fe**

**Friday, June 10**

- 10:00 a.m.           **Call to Order**  
                          —Representative Angelica Rubio, Chair
- 10:15 a.m.       (1) **[Proposed Work Plan, Meeting Schedule and Locations](#)**  
                          —Representative Angelica Rubio, Chair
- 11:45 a.m.           **Public Comment**
- 12:15 p.m.           **Adjourn**



**MINUTES  
of the  
FIRST MEETING  
of the  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**June 10, 2022  
State Capitol, Room 322  
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Angelica Rubio, chair, on June 10, 2022 at 10:04 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

**Present**

Rep. Angelica Rubio, Chair  
Sen. Bill Tallman, Vice Chair  
Rep. Anthony Allison  
Rep. Harry Garcia  
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales  
Sen. Ron Griggs  
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom  
Rep. Willie D. Madrid  
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew  
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert

**Absent**

Sen. David M. Gallegos  
Rep. Joy Garratt  
Sen. George K. Munoz

**Advisory Members**

Rep. Randal S. Crowder  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana

Sen. Craig W. Brant  
Rep. Ambrose Castellano  
Rep. Christine Chandler  
Rep. Rebecca Dow  
Rep. Susan K. Herrera  
Rep. Rod Montoya  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Rep. Linda Serrato

**Guest Legislators**

Sen. Crystal R. Diamond  
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez

**Staff**

Peter Kovnat, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Sara Wiedmaier, Research Assistant, LCS  
Hunter Thomas, Legal Intern, LCS

**Guests**

The guest list is in the meeting file.

## **Handouts**

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## **References to Webcast**

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## **Friday, June 10**

### **Welcome and Introductions (10:04 a.m.)**

Representative Rubio welcomed everyone and invited members of the subcommittee and staff to introduce themselves.

### **Proposed Work Plan, Meeting Schedule and Locations (10:10 a.m.)**

Representative Rubio and members of the subcommittee discussed the 2022 proposed work plan and meeting schedule. The 2022 proposed work plan and meeting schedule can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20061022%20Item%201%20Proposed%20Work%20Plan.pdf>.

Upon a motion made by Senator Gonzales and seconded by Representative Lundstrom at 10:53 a.m., the subcommittee voted to approve the 2022 proposed work plan and meeting schedule, as amended by the subcommittee.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Department of Transportation Quarterly Reports (10:55 a.m.)**

Joseph Simon, fiscal analyst, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), and Nina Chavez, fiscal analyst, LFC, provided handouts and a brief overview of Department of Transportation performance data for the second quarter of fiscal year 2022, including a Projects Status Report, Capital Outlay Quarterly Report and Performance Report Card. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=6/10/2022&ItemNumber=0>.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Revised: July 1, 2022

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
SECOND MEETING  
of the  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**July 5-6, 2022  
University of New Mexico-Gallup  
Gallup**

**Tuesday, July 5**

- 10:00 a.m.           **Call to Order**  
                          —Joy Garratt, Chair
- 10:15 a.m.       (1)   **Welcome to Gallup: Update on the Status and Needs of Local Infrastructure**  
                          —Sabrina Ezzell, Interim Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Gallup  
                          —Anthony Dimas, Jr., County Manager, McKinley County  
                          —Louis Bonaguidi, Mayor, City of Gallup
- 11:00 a.m.       (2)   **Department of Transportation (DOT): Introduction**  
                          —Justin Reese, Acting Secretary, DOT
- 11:45 a.m.       (3)   **DOT: DOT Website User Guide**  
                          —Marisa Maez, Director of Communications, DOT
- 12:30 p.m.           **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m.       (4)   **Road User Fees**  
                          —Joseph Simon, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee  
                          —Mallika Pung, Ph.D., Economist, DOT  
                          —Joseph De La Rosa, Special Projects Manager, DOT
- 2:30 p.m.       (5)   **DOT: Construction, Maintenance and Paving Schedules and Environmental and Public Safety Concerns**  
                          —Rick M. Padilla, Executive Director of Highway Operations, DOT  
                          —David Quintana, P.E., Chief Engineer, DOT
- 3:30 p.m.       (6)   **DOT: Intermodal Facilities, Ports of Entry and Airports**  
                          —Franklin Garcia, Director, Modal Division, DOT  
                          —Pedro Rael, Director, Aviation Division, DOT
- 4:30 p.m.           **Public Comment**
- 5:00 p.m.           **Recess**

**Wednesday, July 6**

- 9:00 a.m.           **Reconvene**  
—Joy Garratt, Chair
- 9:15 a.m.       (7)   **Autonomous Vehicles and Intelligent Transportation Systems**  
—Jerry P. Valdez, Executive Director, DOT  
—Charles Remkes, Chief, Intelligent Transportation Systems Operations,  
DOT
- 10:30 a.m.       (8)   **Tribal Roads: Jurisdictional Issues, School Bus Routes and Road Maintenance**  
—Mark Freeland, Council Delegate, 24th Navajo Nation Council  
—Lisa Vega, P.E., District 6 Engineer, DOT  
—Paul Brasher, P.E., District 5 Engineer, DOT
- 11:45 a.m.           **Public Comment**
- 12:15 p.m.           **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.           **Tour of Carbon Coal Road and Gallup Energy Logistics Park**  
—Lisa Vega, P.E., District 6 Engineer, DOT  
—DeWyett Shirley, P.E., Project Manager, DOT  
—Robert Kuipers, Associate Planner, Northwest New Mexico Council of  
Governments
- 3:00 p.m.           **Adjourn**

**MINUTES  
of the  
SECOND MEETING  
of the  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**July 5-6, 2022  
University of New Mexico-Gallup  
Student Services and Technology Center, Room 200  
705 Gurley Avenue  
Gallup**

The second meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Joy Garratt, chair, on July 5, 2022 at 10:20 a.m. at the University of New Mexico (UNM)-Gallup in Gallup.

**Present**

Rep. Joy Garratt, Chair  
Rep. Anthony Allison  
Sen. David M. Gallegos  
Rep. Harry Garcia  
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom  
Sen. George K. Munoz (7/6)  
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew  
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert

**Absent**

Sen. Bill Tallman, Vice Chair  
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales  
Sen. Ron Griggs  
Rep. Willie D. Madrid

**Advisory Members**

Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana

Sen. Craig W. Brant  
Rep. Ambrose Castellano  
Rep. Christine Chandler  
Rep. Randal S. Crowder  
Rep. Rebecca Dow  
Rep. Susan K. Herrera  
Rep. Rod Montoya  
Rep. Linda Serrato

**Guest Legislator**

Rep. D. Wonda Johnson (7/5)

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

**Staff**

Peter Kovnat, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Sara Wiedmaier, Research Assistant, LCS  
Zander Dawson, Bill Drafter, LCS

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## **Tuesday, July 5**

### **Welcome and Introductions (10:20 a.m.)**

Representative Garratt welcomed everyone and invited members of the subcommittee and staff to introduce themselves.

### **Welcome to Gallup: Update on the Status and Needs of Local Infrastructure (10:30 a.m.)**

Sabrina Ezzell, interim chancellor, UNM-Gallup; Louis Bonaguidi, mayor, City of Gallup; Anthony Dimas, Jr., county manager, McKinley County; and Brandon Howe, planner, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, welcomed the subcommittee to Gallup and discussed infrastructure plans and funding requests for UNM-Gallup, transportation infrastructure needs for Gallup and McKinley County and long-term economic development plans for the area. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20070522%20Item%201%20Welcome%20to%20Gallup.pdf>.

### **Department of Transportation (DOT): Introduction (11:34 a.m.)**

Justin Reese, acting secretary, DOT; Rick M. Padilla, executive director, Highway Operations, DOT; Lisa Vega, P.E., District 6 engineer, DOT; and David Quintana, P.E., chief engineer, DOT, discussed the fiscal year 2023 DOT budget and provided an update of ongoing projects, cost increases and grant applications. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20070522%20Item%202%20DOT%20Introduction.pdf>.

### **DOT: DOT Website User Guide (12:17 p.m.)**

Marisa Maez, director of communications, DOT, and James Gomez, web developer and designer, DOT, highlighted new features and improvements to the DOT website and provided an interactive presentation on how to navigate the website. The DOT website can be accessed here:

<https://www.dot.nm.gov/>.



**Road User Fees (1:44 p.m.)**

Joseph De La Rosa, special projects manager, DOT, and Mallika Pung, Ph.D., economist, DOT, discussed various policy options for road user fees that are being explored by other states to supplement or replace gasoline taxes. The presentation and the supplemental handout from the Legislative Finance Committee can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=7/5/2022&ItemNumber=4>.

**Approval of Minutes (2:41 p.m.)**

Upon a motion made by Representative Sariñana, seconded by Representative Allison and without objection, the subcommittee approved the minutes of the June 10, 2022 meeting.

**DOT: Construction, Maintenance and Paving Schedules and Environmental and Public Safety Concerns (2:43 p.m.)**

Mr. Padilla; Mr. Quintana; and Ms. Vega highlighted the schedule for current and upcoming projects, priority projects for each district and fire and flooding response initiatives by the DOT. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=7/5/2022&ItemNumber=5>.

**DOT: Intermodal Facilities, Ports of Entry and Airports (3:36 p.m.)**

Franklin Garcia, director, Modal Division, DOT, and Pedro Rael, director, Aviation Division, DOT, discussed port and airport improvements, maintenance, oversight, upcoming projects, costs and revenue. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=7/5/2022&ItemNumber=6>.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Recess**

The subcommittee recessed at 4:21 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 6****Reconvene**

Representative Garratt reconvened the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

### **Autonomous Vehicles and Intelligent Transportation Systems (9:10 a.m.)**

Jerry P. Valdez, executive director, DOT, and Charles Remkes, chief, Intelligent Transportation Systems Operations, DOT, provided an update on autonomous vehicle testing and rulemaking, as required by House Bill 270 (2021). The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20070522%20Item%207%20DOT%20Autonomous%20Vehicles.pdf>.

### **Tribal Roads: Jurisdictional Issues, School Bus Routes and Road Maintenance (10:13 a.m.)**

Mark Freeland, council delegate, 24th Navajo Nation Council; Ms. Vega; and Paul Brasher, P.E., District 5 engineer, DOT, discussed land status, jurisdictional, rights-of-way and rural issues; maintenance needs and efforts; and collaboration with the counties and the DOT on road maintenance and emergency response.

Priscilla Lee, senior program and project specialist, Navajo Division of Transportation, and Edwin Begay, senior planner, Navajo Division of Transportation, addressed questions specific to the Tribal Infrastructure Project Fund and projects on the Navajo Nation.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Tour of Carbon Coal Road and Gallup Energy Logistics (1:00 p.m.)**

Ms. Vega; DeWyett Shirley, P.E., project manager, DOT; and Robert Kuipers, associate planner, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, conducted a tour of Carbon Coal Road and Gallup Energy Logistics for subcommittee members, staff and guests.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Revised: August 23, 2022

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
THIRD MEETING  
of the  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**August 31-September 1, 2022  
Rio Grande Hall  
University of New Mexico-Taos  
120 Civic Plaza Drive  
Taos**

**Wednesday, August 31**

- 10:00 a.m.           **Call to Order**  
—Representative Joy Garratt, Chair
- 10:05 a.m.       (1)   **Welcome to Taos**  
—Dr. Mary Gutierrez, Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Taos
- 10:15 a.m.       (2)   **Status and Needs of Local Transportation Infrastructure**  
—Andrew Gonzales, Town Manager, Town of Taos  
—Brent Jaramillo, County Manager, Taos County
- 11:15 a.m.       (3)   **Update on New Mexico State Road 68 Reconstruction Through Taos Project**  
—Paul Brasher, P.E., District 5 Engineer, Department of Transportation (DOT)
- 12:00 noon           **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.       (4)   **Letting Projects Detailed Revenue Projections: Districts 4, 5 and 6**  
—Ricky Serna, Secretary-Designate, DOT  
—David Quintana, P.E., Chief Engineer, DOT  
—James Gallegos, P.E., District 4 Engineer, DOT  
—Paul Brasher, P.E., District 5 Engineer, DOT  
—Lisa Vega, P.E., District 6 Engineer, DOT
- 2:30 p.m.       (5)   **Implementation of the Wildlife Corridors Act**  
—Bryan Bird, Director, Southwest Program, Defenders of Wildlife  
—Matt Haverland, Wildlife Coordinator, DOT  
—Mark Watson, Terrestrial Habitat Specialist, Division of Ecological and Environmental Planning, Department of Game and Fish

3:30 p.m. (6) [Broadband Expansion, Accessibility and Right-of-Way Issues](#)  
—Kelly Schlegel, Director, Office of Broadband Access and Expansion,  
Department of Information Technology  
—Thomas Wyman, Deputy General Counsel, DOT

4:30 p.m. **Public Comment**

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

**Thursday, September 1**

9:00 a.m. (7) [Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Sources and Distributions and Comparisons with Other States](#)  
—Mallika Pung, Ph.D., Economist, DOT  
—Mallery Manzanares, Director, Administrative Services, DOT

11:00 a.m. (8) [Dedication of Senator Carlos R. Cisneros Memorial Highway](#)  
—Senator Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales, District 6

12:00 noon **Adjourn**

**MINUTES  
of the  
THIRD MEETING  
of the  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**August 31-September 1, 2022  
Bataan Hall  
University of New Mexico-Taos  
Taos**

The third meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Joy Garratt, chair, at 10:19 a.m. at the University of New Mexico (UNM)-Taos in Taos.

**Present**

Rep. Joy Garratt, Chair  
Rep. Anthony Allison  
Rep. Harry Garcia  
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales  
Sen. George K. Munoz (8/31)  
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert (8/31)

**Absent**

Sen. Bill Tallman, Vice Chair  
Sen. David M. Gallegos  
Sen. Ron Griggs  
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom  
Rep. Willie D. Madrid  
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew

**Advisory Members**

Rep. Ambrose Castellano  
Rep. Christine Chandler (8/31)  
Rep. Randall S. Crowder  
Rep. Susan K. Herrera  
Rep. Rod Montoya

Sen. Craig W. Brandt  
Rep. Rebecca Dow  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana  
Rep. Linda Serrato

**Guest Legislator**

Rep. Jack Chatfield (8/31)

(Attendance dates are noted for those members not present for the entire meeting.)

**Staff**

Pam Stokes, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Ric Gaudet, Researcher, LCS  
Sara Wiedmaier, Research Assistant, LCS

**Handouts**

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## **Wednesday, August 31**

### **Welcome and Introductions (10:20 a.m.)**

Representative Garratt welcomed everyone and invited members of the subcommittee and staff to introduce themselves.

### **Welcome to Taos (10:27 a.m.)**

Dr. Mary Gutierrez, chancellor, UNM-Taos, welcomed the subcommittee to Taos and the campus.

### **Status and Needs of Local Transportation Infrastructure (10:29 a.m.)**

Francisco Espinoza, public works director, Town of Taos, and Brent Jaramillo, county manager, Taos County, discussed local transportation infrastructure needs and the status of ongoing projects. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/31/2022&ItemNumber=2>.

### **Update on New Mexico State Road 68 Reconstruction Through Taos Project (11:48 a.m.)**

Ricky Serna, secretary-designate, Department of Transportation (DOT); Justin Reese, deputy secretary, DOT; Sally Reeves, P.E., assistant district 5 engineer for construction, DOT; Rick Padilla, acting director of highway operations, DOT; and Javier Martinez, P.E., assistant district 5 engineer for engineering support, discussed the status of the New Mexico State Road 68 reconstruction project in Taos, which has been underway since March 2020.

### **Letting Projects Detailed Revenue Projections: Districts 4, 5 and 6 (1:00 p.m.)**

Mr. Serna; David Quintana, P.E., chief engineer, DOT; James Gallegos, P.E., district 4 engineer, DOT; Mr. Martinez; and Lisa Vega, P.E., district 6 engineer, DOT, discussed revenue projections for letting projects in DOT districts 4, 5 and 6. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/31/2022&ItemNumber=4>.

### **Implementation of the Wildlife Corridors Act (3:02 p.m.)**

Bryan Bird, director, Southwest Program, Defenders of Wildlife; Matt Haverland, wildlife coordinator, DOT; and Mark Watson, terrestrial habitat specialist, Division of Ecological and Environmental Planning, Department of Game and Fish, discussed the progress

being made in implementing the Wildlife Corridors Act. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/31/2022&ItemNumber=5>.

**Broadband Expansion, Accessibility and Right-of-Way Issues (3:46 p.m.)**

Kelly Schlegel, director, Office of Broadband Access and Expansion, Department of Information Technology; Thomas Wyman, deputy general counsel, DOT; and Ovidiu Viorica, broadband and technology manager, Public School Facilities Authority, discussed issues impacting the expansion of broadband in the state. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=8/31/2022&ItemNumber=6>.

**Public Comment (4:58 p.m.)**

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

**Recess**

The meeting recessed at 5:02 p.m.

**Thursday, September 1**

**Reconvene**

Representative Garratt reconvened the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

**Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Sources and Distributions and Comparisons with Other States (9:03 a.m.)**

Mallika Pung, Ph.D., economist, DOT, and Mallery Manzanares, director, Administrative Services, DOT, compared revenue sources for transportation infrastructure in New Mexico to those of other states. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20083122%20Item%207%20DOT%20Revenue%20Sources%20Distributions%20Comparisons.pdf>.

**Dedication of Senator Carlos R. Cisneros Memorial Highway**

The subcommittee traveled to Questa to witness the ceremony for the renaming of New Mexico State Road 522 as the "Carlos R. Cisneros Memorial Highway". Led by John Romero, director, Highway Operations Division, DOT, and Senator Gonzales, colleagues and members of the community remembered Senator Cisneros and the significant and lasting impact he has had on Questa and the state.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.





Revised: September 30, 2022

**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
for the  
FOURTH MEETING  
of the  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**October 3-4, 2022  
State Capitol, Room 322  
Santa Fe**

**Monday, October 3**

- 10:00 a.m.           **Call to Order**  
—Representative Joy Garratt, Chair
- 10:10 a.m.       (1)   **Transportation Electrification Infrastructure Update**  
—Jerry P. Valdez, Executive Director, Executive Projects Office,  
Department of Transportation (DOT)  
—Mary Jane Parks, Solar Energy Innovator Fellow, Public Regulation  
Commission  
—Alaric Babej, Manager, Customer Program Marketing and Development,  
Public Service Company of New Mexico  
—Mark Faulkenberry, Vice President, Marketing and Member Relations,  
Western Farmers Electric Cooperative  
—Vince Martinez, Senior Government Relations Advisor – New Mexico,  
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
- 12:30 p.m.           **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m.       (2)   **Santa Teresa Project, Supply Chain Updates and State Investments in  
the Borderplex Region**  
—Marco A. Grajeda, Executive Director, Border Authority  
—Jerry Pacheco, President, Border Industrial Association
- 2:30 p.m.       (3)   **New Mexico Rail Runner Express: System and Projects Update**  
—Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director, Rio Metro Regional Transit District  
(RMRTD)  
—Tony Sylvester, Special Projects Manager, RMRTD
- 3:30 p.m.       (4)   **Four Corners Rail Project**  
—Mike Stark, County Manager, San Juan County  
—Wade Chacon, Senior Project Manager, HDR, Inc.
- 4:30 p.m.           **Recess**

**Tuesday, October 4**

9:00 a.m. (5) **Letting Projects Detailed Revenue Projections: Districts 1, 2 and 3**

—Ricky Serna, Secretary-Designate, DOT

—Mallery Manzanares, Director, Administrative Services, DOT

—David Quintana, P.E., Chief Engineer, DOT

—Trent Doolittle, P.E., District 1 Engineer, DOT

—Francisco Sanchez, P.E., District 2 Engineer, DOT

—Justin Gibson, P.E., District 3 Engineer, DOT

11:00 a.m. **Public Comment**

11:30 a.m. **Legislative Proposals**

12:00 noon **Adjourn**

**MINUTES  
of the  
FOURTH MEETING  
of the  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**October 3-4, 2022  
State Capitol, Room 322  
Santa Fe**

The fourth meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Joy Garratt, chair, on October 3, 2022 at 10:13 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

**Present**

Rep. Joy Garratt, Chair  
Sen. Bill Tallman, Vice Chair  
Rep. Harry Garcia  
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales  
Rep. Willie D. Madrid  
Sen. George K. Munoz  
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew  
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert

**Absent**

Rep. Anthony Allison  
Sen. David M. Gallegos  
Sen. Ron Griggs  
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom

**Advisory Members**

Sen. Craig W. Brandt  
Rep. Ambrose Castellano  
Rep. Christine Chandler (10/3)  
Rep. Randal S. Crowder  
Rep. Rod Montoya

Rep. Rebecca Dow  
Rep. Susan K. Herrera  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana  
Rep. Linda Serrato

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

**Staff**

Pam Stokes, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Rebecca Griego, Records Officer, LCS  
Hexuan Li, Legislative Intern, LCS

**Minutes Approval**

Because the subcommittee will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the subcommittee.

**Guests**

The guest list is in the meeting file.

## **Handouts**

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

## **References to Webcast**

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the subcommittee meeting, which can be found at [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov), under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and subcommittee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

## **Monday, October 3**

### **Welcome and Introductions (10:13 a.m.)**

Representative Garratt welcomed everyone and invited members of the subcommittee and staff to introduce themselves.

### **Transportation Electrification Infrastructure Update (10:17 a.m.)**

Jerry P. Valdez, executive director, Executive Projects Office, Department of Transportation (DOT), provided an overview of the DOT's state and federal funding sources, including the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program, for electric vehicle infrastructure and the state's strategy for installing charging stations throughout the state. Mary Jane Parks, solar energy innovator fellow, Public Regulation Commission, summarized the commission's recent work on preparing the state for transportation electrification. Alaric Babej, manager, Customer Program Marketing and Development, Public Service Company of New Mexico, explained the types of electric vehicles and charging stations as well as the expected growth of electric vehicles. Mark Faulkenberry, vice president, Marketing and Member Relations, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, predicted that the future of mobility will be with electric vehicles and explained how electric cooperatives can prepare for the increased demands that charging electric vehicles will have on their systems. Vince Martinez, senior government relations advisor - New Mexico, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State), discussed Tri-State's efforts to educate the public about electric vehicles and its incentive programs for both residential and commercial customers. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=10/3/2022&ItemNumber=1>.

### **Approval of Minutes (11:29 a.m.)**

The minutes of the July 5-6, 2022 and August 31-September 1, 2022 meetings were approved without changes.

### **Santa Teresa Project, Supply Chain Updates and State Investments in the Borderplex Region (1:53 p.m.)**

Marco A. Grajeda, executive director, Border Authority, provided updates on the increased commercial and private vehicle traffic at the Santa Teresa and Columbus ports of entry, transportation investments at the border and future projects, including the possibility of an international rail crossing in Santa Teresa. Jerry Pacheco, president, Border Industrial Association, discussed the growth of economic activity at the border and the resulting economic impact to the state, and he provided updates on new, ongoing and future projects in Santa Teresa. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=10/3/2022&ItemNumber=2>.

### **New Mexico Rail Runner Express (Rail Runner): System and Projects Update (3:07 p.m.)**

Dewey V. Cave, executive director, Rio Metro Regional Transit District (RMRTD), and Tony Sylvester, special projects manager, RMRTD, described capital projects to improve service and capacity of the Rail Runner and a plan to capture past and future passengers as the shift from remote to on-site work occurs and as recreation and tourism travel increases. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20100322%20Item%203%20RMRTD%20Presentation.pdf>.

### **Four Corners Rail Project (4:04 p.m.)**

Mike Stark, county manager, San Juan County, and Wade Chacon, senior project manager, HDR, Inc., presented a feasibility study for a proposed freight rail line network in the Four Corners region. The study found that such a network in the region will improve the efficiency of the overall freight transportation system; expand economic opportunities, including for the Navajo Nation; increase location or expansion of businesses; and make the region more competitive by decreasing shipping costs for companies. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20100322%20Item%204%20Freight%20Rail%20Line%20Feasibility%20Study%20Farmington.pdf>.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 5:03 p.m.

### **Tuesday, October 4**

### **Reconvene**

Representative Garratt reconvened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

**Letting Projects Detailed Revenue Projections: Districts 1, 2 and 3 (9:05 a.m.)**

Ricky Serna, secretary-designate, DOT, and his staff, Mallery Manzanares, director, Administrative Services; David Quintana, P.E., chief engineer; Trent Doolittle, P.E., District 1 engineer; Francisco Sanchez, P.E., District 2 engineer; and Justin Gibson, P.E., District 3 engineer, reported the department's outstanding debt service; escalation costs and funding gaps of projects; the fiscal year 2023 budget; and the revenue projections for letting projects in DOT Districts 1, 2 and 3. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=10/3/2022&ItemNumber=5>.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Legislative Proposals**

There were no legislative proposals presented for endorsement.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.





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