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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ezzell ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/19
LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 3

SHORT TITLE Request Reconstruction of U.S. Highway 380 SB _____

ANALYST Armstrong

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|------------------------|------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY19 | FY20 | | |
| No Fiscal Implications | | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB223

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Tourism Department (NMTD)

Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Joint Memorial

House Joint Memorial 3 (HJM 3) requests that NMDOT be directed to plan, design and reconstruct certain curved sections of United States Highway 380 (US 380) in a corridor between the towns of Carrizozo and Hondo. Currently, NMDOT has posted restrictions limiting truck length to 65 feet on this section of US 380 due to safety considerations regarding the width of several horizontal curves along this corridor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact from HJM3. However, the estimated cost to design and reconstruct nine curves between Hondo and Capitan on US 380 is \$15 million. The requested plan, redesign, and reconstruction of the noted curves are currently unfunded. Any construction project would take two to three years to design. Costs could rise as work on a mountain side has variability which NMDOT has seen in other similar projects.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMDOT's public opinion process for this project may extend the time for planning and design due to known conflicts between local residents, the State Historical Preservation Office, Lincoln County Commission, Village of Lincoln, and conflicts between local elected officials.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 223 appropriates \$15 million from the general fund to pay for planning, designing, and reconstructing the curved sections in the corridor between the towns of Carrizozo and Hondo.

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