

**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**

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.

## **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.