

**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

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, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and subcommittee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

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.