

**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.