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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/16/2007

SPONSOR Lundstrom LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HJM 55

SHORT TITLE Municipal Road Maintenance Task Force SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Moser

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Joint Memorial

House Joint Memorial 55 requests the Governor to appoint a Municipal Road Maintenance Task Force and designate the NMDOT to provide administrative support. The task force is to investigate how maintaining and improving state highways within municipalities might be equitably transferred to those municipalities rather than to the NMDOT. Requires a that report be provided to the Governor and appropriate interim legislative committees by October 1, 2007.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMDOT advises that in the long term this bill will probably not impact the NMDOT directly through the road fund, but will likely affect local government road funding. Since the bill creates a joint task force, the immediate costs should be fairly minimal.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The NMDOT observes that most of the smaller local governments are currently experiencing problems paying for traffic signal maintenance costs. Requiring that these governments look to

paying for maintenance of state roads will likely be problematic. However, in light of the fact that this memorial simply requires the formation of a task force and the preparation of an investigative report, hardship should not be an issue for the smaller local governments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Some jurisdictional boundaries will need to be established. NMDOT is prepared to provide the necessary administrative support to the Municipal Road Maintenance Task Force in connection with preparation of the required investigative report.

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