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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR O'Neill ORIGINAL DATE 02/25/09
LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 64
SHORT TITLE Albuquerque Alameda Blvd. Traffic Study SB _____
ANALYST Moser

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$1.0		\$1.0	Nonrecurring	State Road Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 64 requests that NMDOT conduct a traffic safety study on Alameda Boulevard. The traffic study would determine the impacts of imposing truck restrictions on Alameda between I-25 and Coors Boulevard. In addition, the memorial requests that NMDOT provide recommendations to improve safety on Alameda Boulevard.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NMDOT indicates that funding will be necessary to conduct the study; implement safety improvements; place truck restrictions on Alameda Boulevard; and provide the roadway network improvements that may be required to accommodate the diverted truck traffic.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMDOT reports that detouring truck traffic to the nearest Rio Grande River bridge crossing that allows for truck traffic is I-40 or US 550 Corridor in Bernalillo. The restrictions on Alameda will displace the trucks to other corridors and may have a detrimental impact on congestion that currently exists on the I-40 and US 550 Corridors. The I-40 corridor is approaching capacity and US 550 corridor is at capacity. Adding more truck traffic to these two corridors could increase congestion and may result in longer trip lengths and delays in the corridor plus other roadways

within the Albuquerque area. The restrictions may also have an impact on commerce and the movement of goods in the northwest part of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area. In addition, there may be air quality impacts and a cost for implementation of the recommended improvements. Albuquerque is within an air quality attainment area.

ALTERNATIVES

NMDOT indicates that there are no other routes in the northwest part of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area that can handle truck traffic due to the restrictions in place for Paseo Del Norte and Montano river crossings. NMDOT suggests enacting safety improvements that minimize the impacts of traffic on the adjacent community. Increase enforcements and perform vibration monitoring in addition to considering restrictions during the morning and evening rush hour restrictions.

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