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# Executive Summary

New Mexicans want the state's investment in transportation infrastructure to be protected by securing the revenues needed to meet the preservation and expansion needs for a modern and sustainable system. They also want to see partnerships between state and local governments and public and private organizations that plan and implement projects within a framework of sustainability.

These recommendations and others resulted from the town hall on *Sustainable Transportation: Paying Our Way From Here to There*. The event was held at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort in Santa Ana, New Mexico, August 7-9 and attended by 150 people. They came from 35 communities and 20 counties in New Mexico and included state policymakers, local leaders and citizens, business and industry leaders, technical specialists, and people with a special interest in transportation.

Registrants could choose between attending as a participant (i.e., being present at the full town hall and actively taking part in discussions) or simply observing. Full scholarships were offered to community members who indicated they needed financial support.

Participants developed recommendations about what should be done to ensure the transportation system remains a vital contributor to our economic prosperity and to the quality of life, health, and welfare of our citizens. The recommendations are summarized below, with additional details provided in the full report.

## Public Awareness

1. Present a comprehensive plan for implementing transportation priorities reflective of unmet needs, underserved populations, and innovative technologies.
2. Conduct an education campaign that informs local communities of the costs and benefits of a sustainable transportation system.

## Partnerships

3. Ensure future residential and commercial developments align demands and resources through state/local government partnerships and technical assistance.
4. Enable public/private partnerships to identify and implement beneficial projects.

## Transportation Revenues for Transportation Projects

5. Spend transportation-related revenues on transportation needs and redirect currently diverted funds.
6. Ensure equitable allocation of costs to users and taxpayers by redirecting gross receipts taxes on transportation projects to support transportation needs.

## Short-term Funding Options

7. Increase transportation infrastructure funding by redirecting the current motor vehicle excise tax to the state road fund.
8. Establish a state transit fund by increasing the motor vehicle excise tax.

## Long-term Funding Options

9. Index<sup>1</sup> specific transportation revenue sources to account for inflation.
10. Create a permanent transportation trust fund that can be drawn on in the future for transportation needs.
11. Continue to evaluate the funding options in House Memorial 35.

These recommendations are presented in greater detail in the full report that follows. They will be prioritized by an implementation team composed of town hall participants. This group will spend several months advancing the recommendations with policymakers, community leaders, and the public.

## Town Hall Conveners

The mission of the **New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)** is to plan, build, and maintain a quality statewide transportation network that will serve the social and economic interests of New Mexico citizens in a productive, cost-effective, and innovative manner. The department has re-focused its direction to improving affordable transportation modes available to citizens, tourists, and businesses of New Mexico. NMDOT ensures these multimodal transportation choices invigorate the economy, connect people in small towns and cities, and facilitate transportation of goods and people to other states and nations.

The **New Mexico Association of Regional Councils (NewMARC)** is the statewide network of seven Councils of Government (COGs). The councils help local governments evaluate their individual and collective needs and priorities. They address problems and opportunities of a regional nature. Their goal is to take a holistic approach in addressing issues and finding solutions in the areas of transportation, infrastructure development, housing, environmental stewardship, and workforce development.

## Town Hall Facilitator

**New Mexico First** is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that engages citizens in public policy. Co-founded in 1986 by U.S. Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, **New Mexico First** is best known for its statewide town halls. The organization uses a unique consensus-building process that enables participants to learn about a topic in depth, develop concrete policy recommendations addressing that topic, and then advance the recommendations with state and local leaders.

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<sup>1</sup> Indexing means adjusting the tax rate or fee over time to account for the effects of inflation.

# Sustainable Transportation: Paying Our Way From Here to There

## Introduction

In August 2008, the **New Mexico Department of Transportation** and the **New Mexico Association of Regional Councils** convened a town hall that focused on how to preserve and improve our highways, bridges, and public transportation options for New Mexicans. This town hall benefited from statewide representation with residents of 35 different New Mexico communities in 20 counties attending the event. Participants included state and local policymakers, community leaders, business representatives, technical specialists and citizens with special transportation interests including commuters, bicyclists, seniors, and students. These committed citizens made it clear that the condition of New Mexico's transportation infrastructure is an issue of critical importance.

This event used **New Mexico First's** unique town hall format: a three-day deliberation during which participants identified individual behaviors, community actions, and state and tribal policies that could help maintain and sustain the transportation system and came to consensus on possible solutions. Their deliberation was informed by a comprehensive background report participants reviewed in advance that highlighted current and future needs, reasons or concern, and possible solutions. The background report is available online at [www.newmexicofirst.org](http://www.newmexicofirst.org).

In addition, participants benefited from a keynote presentation by Joshua Schank, a national expert in transportation policy, from the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, DC.. A panel of state experts also spoke and answered questions from participants. The panelists included: Johnny Cope, Cope Enterprises; Roman Maes, New Mexico Public Relations, LLC; Benny Roybal, Cutler Repaving, Inc.; and Lawrence Rael, Mid-Region Council of Governments.

The town hall was held August 7-9, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort in Santa Ana, New Mexico. Scholarships covered registration, food, and lodging fees for those with financial need.

## Common Themes

After extensive dialogue, town hall participants came to consensus on 11 recommendations as one large group. Participants developed their initial ideas in small groups. These ideas were combined and refined until the full group agreed to

11 of the proposed 14 recommendations.<sup>2</sup> Common themes began to emerge including:

- Enhancing public awareness by articulating a vision with a comprehensive plan for transportation priorities developed with public participation and through an education campaign that outlines the costs and benefits of a sustainable transportation system for local communities.
- Encouraging partnerships between state and local governments to ensure future developments are planned within a sustainability framework for transportation and between public agencies and private businesses to implement mutually beneficial projects.
- Using transportation-related revenues to fund transportation projects exclusively and redirecting currently diverted funds back to the road fund.
- Increasing funding for transportation and transit infrastructure by redirecting and increasing the motor vehicle excise tax.
- Ensuring funding over the long-term by indexing<sup>3</sup> current transportation revenues and establishing a permanent transportation trust fund.
- Continuing to study the impact and potential for other long-term funding options proposed by House Memorial 35.

The recommendations evolved from a series of small group discussions in which participants were asked to consider individual behaviors, community actions, and state and local policies that would contribute to a modern and sustainable transportation system. In the opening discussion, participants were asked to prioritize a number of important issues for overall transportation policy. This initial discussion helped the small groups examine their own value system as related to transportation policy and funding. Five of the six small groups created a statement summarizing their chosen priorities. These statements can be found in the appendix.

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<sup>2</sup> The full group could not come to consensus on three of the proposed recommendations. These recommendations can be found in the appendix.

<sup>3</sup> Indexing means adjusting the tax rate or fee over time to account for the effects of inflation.

# Town Hall Recommendations

| MAIN IDEA   | RECOMMENDATION  |
|---|---|
| Theme: PUBLIC AWARENESS   |   |
| 1. <b>Develop a comprehensive plan</b>                                  | So that adequate, sustainable, and multimodal transportation funding can be accomplished and justified to the general public, the governor and legislature should present a comprehensive, strategic plan/policy for implementing transportation priorities. This plan should articulate a vision with goals for our state's transportation system that is reflective of the unmet needs in urban and rural connectivity, underserved populations, and innovative financing and technologies. The plan should detail priorities that are developed with public participation including local government agencies and tribes.  |
| 2. <b>Educate the voting public</b>                                     | So that the voting public becomes aware of problems faced by the New Mexico Department of Transportation to maintain and upgrade the state transportation system, participates in transportation and transit planning, engages more in the decision-making process, and supports adequate transportation funding, the state should fund and conduct an effective and measurable education campaign that includes both the costs and the benefits of a sustainable transportation system to local communities, within the context of the overall state budget.   |
| Theme: PARTNERSHIPS   |   |
| 3. <b>Create government partnerships for future developments</b>        | So that alignment between demands and resources can be accomplished, state and local governments should have access to appropriate technical assistance and should partner to ensure that all future developments (new housing and commercial facilities) efficiently integrate and balance transportation, land use, economics, environment, and protection of existing transportation investments within a sustainability framework.  |
| 4. <b>Enable public/private partnerships</b>                            | So that private businesses can partner with government agencies for mutually beneficial projects and activities, the legislature should pass laws to enable and provide incentives for partnerships to identify and implement public/private partnership methods and procedures that can be used for transportation projects.   |
| Theme: TRANSPORTATION REVENUES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS              |   |
| 5. <b>Spend transportation-related revenues on transportation needs</b> | So that current transportation funding revenues will meet the required maintenance, preservation, and expansion needs for New Mexico's transportation system, including transit and all other modes of transportation, and because the transportation infrastructure is a major investment that drives the economic well-being of New Mexico, the governor and legislature should implement legislation that ensures all sources of transportation-related revenues are spent exclusively on transportation needs and redirect currently diverted transportation-related funds back to the state road fund, for example, the motor vehicle excise tax, the gross receipts tax for transportation construction projects, and others, if enacted. |
| 6. <b>Redirect taxes from transportation projects to road fund</b>      | So that we can ensure adequate and fair funding of our transportation system and equitable allocation of costs to users and taxpayers, the legislature should enact laws to redirect state gross receipts taxes from transportation design/construction projects to the state road fund.  |

| MAIN IDEA                                   | RECOMMENDATION   |
|---|--|
| Theme: SHORT-TERM FUNDING OPTIONS           |  |
| 7. Increase infrastructure funding          | So that funds are increased for transportation infrastructure, the legislature should redirect over a 5-year period the current 3% motor vehicle excise tax from the general fund to the state road fund.  |
| 8. Increase transit funding                 | So that funds are increased for transit, the legislature should establish a state transit fund, funded by a 1% increase in the motor vehicle excise tax.   |
| Theme: LONG-TERM FUNDING OPTIONS            |  |
| 9. Index taxes to account for inflation     | So that the state can maintain and preserve its current transportation infrastructure, the state should index the gasoline tax, special fuel tax <sup>4</sup> , motor vehicle registration, and transaction fees to account for inflation using the consumer price index.  |
| 10. Establish permanent transportation fund | So that permanent funding would be developed that can be drawn on in future years, establish a permanent transportation trust fund. Distribution will not occur until the corpus reaches \$1 billion, at which point no more than 70% of the annual earnings of the fund may be distributed for transportation capital investments. Funding sources shall include, but not be limited to: 50% of reverting capital outlay monies and the second 10% of the annual severance tax bonding capacity.  |
| 11. Continue to study funding options       | <p>So that the state can maintain and preserve its current transportation infrastructure, the state should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to evaluate the options in the House Memorial 35 final report and make formal recommendations to the 2009 Legislature.</li> <li>• Study the option of improving interstate and intrastate collection of the weight distance tax or moving it to the Interstate Regulatory Program/ International Fuel Tax Agreement (IRP/IFTA).</li> <li>• Study the impact of eliminating the permanent vehicle registrations and replacing them with indexed annual fees.</li> </ul> |

<sup>4</sup> Special fuels are defined as anything used in vehicles licensed to operate on New Mexico roads except gasoline. Diesel and propane are considered special fuels.

# Appendix A: Transportation Priorities

During the initial small group discussion, participants were asked to explore six important issues related to overall transportation policy for the state. The following issues were explicit in the background report that participants reviewed prior to attending the town hall:

- Increase safety
- Construct additional highway miles
- Improve and maintain existing infrastructure
- Reduce congestion
- Serve most vulnerable populations
- Expand and coordinate public transit

Each small group was asked to compare each issue to every other issue and to answer the question, “Is this first issue of equal or higher importance than this second issue?” The discussion resulted in a prioritized list that shows what each small group believed to be the relative importance of the six issues. A comparison of the results follows. In several groups, two issues were deemed to be of equal importance.

| Blue   | Green  | Yellow                                       | Orange   | Red   | Brown  |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Improve and maintain existing infrastructure | Increase safety                              | Improve and maintain existing infrastructure | Increase safety + Improve and maintain existing infrastructure           | Increase safety   | Increase safety + Improve and maintain existing infrastructure |
| Increase safety                              | Improve and maintain existing infrastructure | Expand and coordinate public transit         | Expand and coordinate public transit + Serve most vulnerable populations | Expand and coordinate public transit + Improve and maintain existing infrastructure | Serve most vulnerable populations                              |
| Reduce congestion                            | Expand and coordinate public transit         | Increase safety                              |  |   |  |
| Expand and coordinate public transit         | Serve most vulnerable populations            | Serve most vulnerable populations            |  | Serve most vulnerable populations   | Expand and coordinate public transit                           |
| Serve most vulnerable populations            | Reduce congestion                            | Reduce congestion                            | Reduce congestion  | Reduce congestion   | Reduce congestion  |
| Construct additional highway miles           | Construct additional highway miles           | Construct additional highway miles           | Construct additional highway miles                                       | Construct additional highway miles  | Construct additional highway miles                             |

After viewing their results, the small groups were asked to summarize their discussions in terms of what their results meant about how they view transportation policy and funding. Five of the six groups created summary statements, which follow:

### Blue Group Summary Statement

All the priorities are important, and they are not mutually exclusive. The priorities build upon each other. Therefore, if you address the higher priorities, the lower priorities will also be addressed. Our approach starts with taking care of what we already have before starting new initiatives. All priorities involve fiscal responsibilities.

### Green Group Summary Statement

Safety is a public good that has a behavioral component and an infrastructure component. Everything we do should increase the safety of the transportation networks and encourage people to act responsibly. Maintaining and improving existing infrastructure is linked to safety. The importance of increasing safety and maintaining and improving existing infrastructure is much higher than the other priorities. Serving vulnerable populations (e.g., people who don't drive, seniors, people in rural areas, people with special needs) is a value, like safety. Vulnerable populations have many critical transportation needs that are not met. However, they can only be served by first maintaining and



improving existing infrastructure and expanding and coordinating public transit. We need to look at a vision of our ideal transportation system first, then we have to address the funding. Solutions are effective when the whole state is considered as a system. The solutions are interrelated, but funding may take different priorities at different times. We have to be ever vigilant on “how will we make this work” in New Mexico, for example, planning must include operational expenses.

**Yellow Group Summary Statement**

Our priorities were chosen based on the need to sustain the infrastructure we have today at the current level of service. At the same time, we need to provide for a safe transportation system. We need to keep in mind the overwhelming need to develop and grow public transit alternatives to give people choices and mobility and the long-range funding to support these. If we are going to abide by these priorities that we have set, New Mexican’s have to be the champions of change, create a vision of the future, and provide leadership to support these priorities for our transportation system. The changes will require visionary leadership as well as changes in habits at the individual and community level.

**Orange Group Summary Statement**

These six needs are closely interrelated. Each affects the rest. If we maintain and improve existing infrastructure and expand and coordinate public transit, we will increase safety and serve our most vulnerable populations as well as reduce congestion.

**Red Group Summary Statement**

Improving existing infrastructure, as well as expanding and coordinating public transit, leads to overall safety. Addressing safety and increasing it by passing stricter laws on speeding and educating the public will address many concerns like congestion due to accidents. Expanding public transit can also help meet DWI challenges that make roads even safer. Our group’s emphasis on safety is related to better uniformity and consistency in enforcing laws for DWI across the state. Expanding public transit serves the most vulnerable populations. They go together. Congestion is not a major concern in that it seems to be regionalized and only occurs during peak hours. Expanding or improving public transit is an issue of multimodal transportation, including pedestrian needs and bike trails. There should be more focus on non-vehicle modes of transport, like bicycles. Serving our most vulnerable populations must also address the delivery of goods and services to these populations and also include underserved communities that do not have access to many services. This discussion shows that transportation is more than additional highway miles. This might mean the Department of Transportation needs to revisit the way some projects are developed and prioritized.

## Appendix B: Other Recommendations

The following recommendations were proposed by participants but did not reflect consensus of the full town hall. Because they are not consensus recommendations, they will not be advocated by the town hall’s implementation team. However, they are included here for future reference.

| MAIN IDEA                               | RECOMMENDATION  |
|---|---|
| 1. Allow allocation from permanent fund | So that state agencies can develop a long-term finance solution for infrastructure deficiencies in transportation, the governor and legislature should act by constitutional amendment and voter referendum to allow a one-time allocation up to \$1 billion from the permanent fund.   |
| 2. Legislate 10-year bonds              | So that needed high dollar transportation infrastructure projects can be constructed and maintained, the legislature should pass legislation for 10-year bonds for those projects with a dedicated revenue source mandating that once the bonds have been paid off that revenue source would be used to maintain those projects. If the revenues exceed the maintenance costs for those projects, these revenues can be used for other transportation needs as identified and prioritized by the New Mexico Department of Transportation. |
| 3. Create general planning office       | So that New Mexico citizens have local, regional, and state multimodal access and connectivity, the governor and legislature should create a general planning office and cabinet position including liaison with tribal, local, and regional governments.   |

# Appendix C: Town Hall Speakers and Committees

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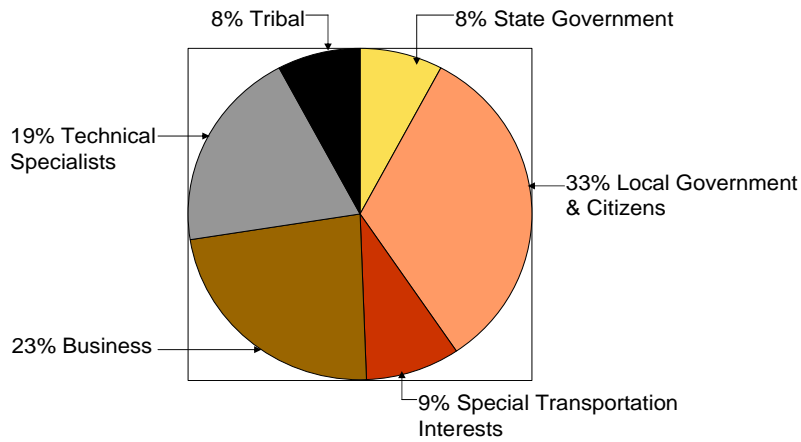
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|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Acoma       | El Paso        | Ocate                 |
| Alamogordo  | Elephant Butte | Reserve               |
| Albuquerque | Eunice         | Ribera                |
| Amalia      | Farmington     | Roswell               |
| Artesia     | Gallup         | Santa Fe              |
| Aztec       | Grants         | Silver City           |
| Bernalillo  | Laguna         | Socorro               |
| Carlsbad    | Las Cruces     | Taos                  |
| Carrizozo   | Las Vegas      | Truth or Consequences |
| Cloudcroft  | Mesilla        | Window Rock           |
| Clovis      | Milan          | Zuni                  |
| Deming      | Mountainair    |                       |

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