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Press Release

Public Hearings Cancelled

Santa Fe - Three public hearings concerning proposed changes to the New Mexico Department of Transportation's (NMDOT) outdoor advertising requirements (Rule Number 18.21.5 NMAC) have been cancelled.

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to establish procedures and standards for all off-premises outdoor advertising in New Mexico. That includes the use of changeable electronic variable message signs, to amend the current fee structure, to update and clarify the rule where necessary, including definitions and permit-related processes, to correct inconsistencies with federal regulations and to make formatting, organizational and language changes throughout the rule to conform to New Mexico rulemaking requirements.

The hearings were scheduled to be held later this month in Santa Fe on September 19, 2012, in Las Cruces on September 24, 2012, and in Albuquerque on September 27, 2012. Their purpose was to receive oral and written public comment on the proposed changes. They will be rescheduled at a later date.

Please contact Michael Otero, NMDOT Outdoor Advertising Program Manager at (505) 827-5460 or P.O. Box 1149, SB-4 Second Floor, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1149, if you have any questions or to request a copy of the proposed rule.

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