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Press Release

Comments Sought On State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

The public is invited to comment on the New Mexico Department of Transportation's (NMDOT) fifth amendment to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The program will serve as a four year plan for the state's federal aid highway program. The NMDOT has posted the 2012-2015 STIP amendment on the internet asking for public comment until October 18, 2012. In addition, NMDOT will be soliciting final public comment in conjunction with the State Transportation Commission on Thursday, October 18, 2012.

The STIP contains proposed road and bridge projects and is required under the federal legislation. Projects on the list are on federal and state highways (roads with I, US or NM designations).

The STIP is developed by the NMDOT, working in cooperation with state, local and tribal transportation agencies as well as regional planning organizations. Projects included in the STIP are funded with a combination of federal, state and/or local funds. The document is posted on the NMDOT website at http://dot.state.nm.us/. The NMDOT STIP Coordinator will take comments via email at Rebecca.Maes@state.nm.us.

During the State Transportation Commission meeting there will be an allotted time for discussion and public comment on the STIP. The meetings are an opportunity for residents of local communities to discuss the proposed list of transportation projects with NMDOT engineers, planners and the state transportation commission. A sign-in sheet will be available for anyone who wishes to comment.

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