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Press Release

Comments Sought On State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Santa Fe - The public is invited to comment on the New Mexico Department of Transportation's (NMDOT) seventh 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 online asking for public comment until March 20, 2013. In addition, the NMDOT will be soliciting final public comment in conjunction with the State Transportation Commission meeting in Santa Rosa on Thursday, March 21, 2013.

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).

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 <u>http://dot.state.nm.us/</u>. NMDOT STIP Coordinator Rebecca Maes will take comments via email at <u>Rebecca.Maes@state.nm.us</u>.

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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