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## ROAD CONTRACTORS AND ROAD WORKERS CALL ON LEGISLATORS AND GOVERNOR TO RESTORE FUNDING TO FIX NEW MEXICO'S ROADS IN SPECIAL SESSION

### THOUSANDS OF JOBS AT STAKE WITHOUT RESTORED FUNDING

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (September 25, 2025) – The special session of New Mexico's legislature is coming up, and road contractors and road workers are calling on legislators and the governor to work together in the special session to restore road funding that was drastically cut earlier this year.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation, the state agency responsible for building and maintaining our roads and critical infrastructure, was left underfunded in the 2025 legislative session.

For the previous four years, NMDOT received an average of \$200 million in state funds annually for new road construction, with some years reaching over \$300 million. In the 2025 session, only \$65 million was allocated and only for maintenance, barely enough to be divided among the districts for basic maintenance, half the amount as last year.

In the 2025 session, a bill that would have freed up over \$1.3 billion in bonding for roadways was passed in the House and failed to be heard in the Senate on the last day of the session this year, and therefore died.

"We have unfunded projects that need to be built and roads that need to be maintained, and the current level of funding won't cut it," said Bob Wood, Albuquerque Asphalt.

To make matters more serious, the 2024 TRIP Report identified \$5.6 billion in urgent unfunded transportation projects statewide. According to 2025 U.S. Consumer Affairs analysis, more than 30% of rural roads and 42% of urban roads are in poor condition in New Mexico, as well as 19.5% of major roads in poor condition, according to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) data, making our state the 11<sup>th</sup> worst in the nation in this category. Further, Reason Foundation's 2025 Annual Highway Report ranks NM 38<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states (down from 21<sup>st</sup> five years ago).

“We believe the legislators and the governor are serious about maintaining safe roads and building new roads where needed,” said Dan Lewis, executive director of APANM. “We are calling on them to restore critical funding to keep New Mexicans safe on our roads.”

Road constructors and workers are asking legislators in the upcoming special session to fund an emergency cash infusion of \$500 million for state road construction funding, so that New Mexico stops falling behind on critical maintenance and new road projects.

The state is in a position to alleviate the funding crisis at the upcoming special session. There is a state cash reserve of \$3.2 billion, including \$306 million in 2024 reserve.

“Right now, we have some of the poorest roads in the country,” said David Otoski, Mountain States Constructors. “State lawmakers are in a position to do something about it, but we need adequate and consistent funding, and that’s what the legislators and governor can do in the special session.”

Road contractors and the APANM have said they are ready to engage with legislators and the governor during the upcoming session to restore funding and save the jobs of thousands of workers who can be contracted to build new projects and maintain the safety of our roads.”

“We’re ready to work with legislators and the governor for the residents of New Mexico who want safe roads and proper maintenance,” said Paul Appel, Four Corners Materials.

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