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MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM'S
Symposium ON THE
FUTURE OF *Transportation*
IN NEW MEXICO

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2024
AGENDA

7:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Monday, November 18, 2024

Eldorado Hotel
309 W San Francisco St, Santa Fe, NM 87501



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7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Registration and Welcome Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Welcome Remarks: Secretary of Transportation Ricky Serna

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks: New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Complete Streets Presentation - Rosa Kozub, NMDOT Planning Division

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Panel: Grid Modernization & Resilience

Focus: How electric cooperatives and utilities will support clean energy goals through grid modernization, electrified infrastructure, and fleet electrification.

Moderator: Edward Milde, Customer Experience Ops Strategic Consultant at PNM

Panelists:

- Luis Reyes, Chief Executive Officer of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative
- Srinivasa Venigalla, Deputy General Manager of Electric Systems at Navajo Tribal Utility Authority
- Jacqueline Waite, Bureau Chief of the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department of New Mexico
- Cholla Khouri, Chief of Staff of the Public Regulation Commission

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Panel: Statewide Charging Network & EV Infrastructure

Focus: Updates on New Mexico's statewide charging network and key infrastructure investments to support EV growth.

Moderator: Representative Tara Lujan

Panelists:

- John Williamson, Transportation Electrification Manager at PNM
- Andrew Gonzales, Deputy Director-Special Projects at NMDOT
- Seth Christ, Chief Strategy Officer at Francis Energy
- Angie Rodriguez, Supervisor-Electrification of Transportation at El Paso Electric

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Morning Break (15 minutes)

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11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Panel: Electrification of Transportation Fleets

Focus: Fleet conversion to electric vehicles (EVs) for transit, corporate, school, and government fleets presents opportunities for emissions reduction, but public resistance and funding limitations remain key challenges. Concerns include high upfront costs, range anxiety, limited charging infrastructure, and cultural preference for gasoline-powered vehicles. Addressing these barriers requires a combination of direct pay incentives, public education, and innovative financing, alongside federal and state investments in infrastructure through programs like NEVI and CFI. Overcoming resistance and funding gaps will be critical to achieving widespread adoption and ensuring the long-term success of EV initiatives.

Moderator: Rebecca Roose, Infrastructure Advisor at the Office of the Governor

Panelists:

- Jerry Valdez, Executive Director at NMDOT
- Mike Bartholomew, City Transit Director at City of Las Cruces
- Robin Shishido, Deputy Director, Highways Division for the State of Hawaii

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Presentation: The Intersection between Infrastructure Development and Responsive Procurement

- Rob Black, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Economic Development Department
- Glen Grimshaw, Senior Policy Analyst at the National Governors Association

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch & Keynote Speaker

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Panel: Resilient Transportation Infrastructure

Focus: Innovations in materials and technologies that ensure roads and bridges can withstand climate related challenges like extreme heat, drought, and flooding.

Moderator: Ciaran Lithgow, Planner at Bohannan Huston

Panelists:

- Dr. Fred Phillips, Emeritus Professor of Hydrology, Earth, & Environmental Science at New Mexico Tech
- Representative Day Hochman-Vigil
- Marilyn Ochoa, Field Operations Supervisor at the Federal Highway Administration
- David Quintana, Chief Engineer of NMDOT

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Panel: Transportation for Sustainable Communities

Focus: Planning transportation investments to create walkable, bikeable, and multimodal communities that reduce reliance on personal vehicles and promote sustainability.

Moderator: Amy Whitfield, Special Director at NMDOT

Panelists:

- Daniel Werwath, Housing Policy Advisor at the Office of the Governor
- Daniel Gutierrez, Director of New Mexico MainStreet
- Gary Clavio, Planning Manager at Santa Fe County
- Ann Simon, Deputy Director of Policy & Sustainability Officer at City of Albuquerque

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3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Afternoon Break (15 minutes)

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Presentation: Workforce Development Updates
by Department of Workforce Solutions

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Closing Remarks and Next Steps,
Cabinet Secretary Ricky Serna, NMDOT**

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Networking Reception

