

NEW MEXICO 2045 FREIGHT PLAN: FREIGHT INVESTMENT PLAN Amendment 2 (May 2024)

Introduction

In compliance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance for state freight plans under the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (Public Law 117-58) and related federal guidance, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is requesting to amend the current Freight Investment Plan (FIP). Amendment 2 will align the Freight Investment Plan with the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 - 2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FFY2024 - 2025 STIP) per FHWA Guidance. This Amendment proposes one action.

Public Review Process

This document serves as the Public Review Draft for FIP Amendment 2. Simultaneously this document has been provided to the New Mexico Freight Advisory Committee for their review and comment. The public is also invited to comment on FIP Amendment 2. Details for providing specific comments regarding this proposed FIP Amendment action can be made via the public review portal of the FFY2024 - 2029 STIP at this link: [Public Invited to Comment on Projects – STIP | NMDOT](#). Public comments will be accepted until June 17, 2024.

Action #1

NMDOT is requesting to remove A301001 (NM 500 Rio Bravo Bridge Replacement) from the Freight Investment Plan and replace it with A301901 (I-25 Improved: Comanche to Montgomery) as Project 3. Accordingly, A301901 would utilize FFY 2025 National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) funds to partially fund this overall project.

NHFP program amounts and state matching amounts for the proposed new FFY 2025 FIP Project A301901 are detailed below in Table 1. The Road Fund (RF) category is the funding source for the state matching contribution for Project A301901. The approximately \$2.3 million in RF funds represents the requisite state match of 14.56% for the National Highway Freight Program funding. See the eSTIP Public Site for details regarding all funding sources for Project A301901.

1. See this link for the eSTIP Public Site: <https://estip.dot.state.nm.us/>
2. Click on the “Amendments Tab.”
3. Scroll to “24-07.2 ADMIN.”
4. Click “[View Details].”
5. At the bottom of page click Control# A301901.

Please note that NHFP funds are one of the multiple funding sources for Project A301901.

Justification

The NM 500 Rio Bravo Bridge Replacement project (A301001) is a high priority project for NMDOT and as such, funding was requested through the 2024 NM Legislative Session. Subsequently, NMDOT was awarded \$107M from the proceeds of State Severance Tax Bond sales that will fully fund this important project. Therefore, FFY2025 NHFP funding is no longer needed.

As a replacement project NMDOT is proposing the I-25 Improved: Comanche to Montgomery Project (A301901). This project is a regionally significant project on the National Highway Freight Network. Furthermore, A301901 was identified as a candidate project eligible for NHFP funding in the 2045 Freight Plan Update. This segment of I-25 experiences significant traffic backup and bottlenecks during peak hours that will be alleviated by the project. This project will reconfigure and reconstruct a 3.5-mile segment of I-25 and the on/off ramps for the Comanche and Montgomery Interchanges, substantially improving the flow of freight.

Table 1

REMOVE FROM FREIGHT INVESTMENT PLAN		
Project 3 - A301001	Project Fiscal Year: 2025	
Route: NM-500	Funding Sources:	
Project Title: NM 500 Rio Bravo Bridge Replacement	NHFP (85.44%)	\$ 11,655,427
Project Description: Replacement of structurally deficient bridges on NM 500 over the Rio Grande. (Bridges 6224, 6225, 8568, and 8569)	State Match (14.56%) Road Fund (RF)	\$ 1,986,224
	Total	\$ 13,641,651

ADD TO FREIGHT INVESTMENT PLAN		
Project 3 - A301901	Project Fiscal Year: 2025	
Route: I-25	Funding Sources:	
Project Title: I-25 Improved: Comanche to Montgomery	NHFP (85.44%)	\$ 13,515,106
Project Description: Reconstruct Interchange with bridge replacement or rehab, and other improvements to interstate and adjacent infrastructure as needed	State Match (14.56%) Road Fund (RF)	\$ 2,303,137
	Total	\$ 15,818,243

The combined result of this action, as detailed below, represents the FIP Amendment 2. Upon Approval, FIP Amendment 2 will replace and supersede the FIP Amendment 1 within the New Mexico 2045 Freight Plan document and will be posted to the NMDOT website.

New Mexico 2045 Freight Plan: Freight Investment Plan Amendment 2

Project Information		Funding Information	
Project 1 - E100203		Project Fiscal Year: 2023	
Route: NM 404		Funding Sources:	(\$)
Project Title: NM 404 Widening Project		NHFP	\$ 11,278,079.98
Project Description: Widen NM 404 from I-10 to NM 213 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes		State Match (14.56%) Road Fund (RF)	\$ 1,921,920.00
		Total:*	\$ 13,199,999.98
Project 2 - 4101390		Project Fiscal Year: 2024	
Route: I-40		Funding Sources:	(\$)
Project Title: I-40 (Hudson Lake)		NHFP	\$ 11,426,890
Project Description: Pavement Rehabilitation, MP 345 to MP 350		State Match (14.56%) Road Fund (RF)	\$ 1,947,279
		Total :	\$ 13,374,169
Project 3 - A301901		Project Fiscal Year: 2025	
Route: I-25		Funding Sources:	(\$)
Project Title: I-25 Improved: Comanche to Montgomery		NHFP	\$ 13,515,106
Project Description: Reconstruct Interchange with bridge replacement or rehab, and other improvements to interstate and adjacent infrastructure as needed		State Match (14.56%) Road Fund (RF)	\$ 2,303,137
		Total:	\$ 15,818,243
Project 4 - E100322		Project Fiscal Year: 2026	
Route: NM 213 and NM 404		Funding Sources:	(\$)
Project Title: NM 213/NM 404 interchange improvements		NHFP	\$ 11,888,536
Project Description: Construction of a flyover at NM 213/NM 404 Interchange to allow free flow traffic along the NM 213-NM 404 corridor		State Match (14.56%) Road Fund (RF)	\$ 2,025,949
		Total:	\$ 13,914,485
Project 5 - F100342		Project Fiscal Year: 2027	
Route: US 550		Funding Sources:	(\$)
Project Title: US 550 Pavement Rehab Phase III		NHFP	\$ 11,888,536
Project Description: Major Rehabilitation Full Depth Reclamation of US 550 MP 168.3 to MP 174.5		State Match (14.56%) Road Fund (RF)	\$ 2,025,949
		Total:	\$ 13,914,485

* Represents obligation amount