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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving an Amendment for Previously Approved Navajo Nation Fuel Excise Tax Projects by extending the completion date for the Projects to September 30, 2028; Waiving Navajo Nation Road Fund Regulations, Resolution RDCJN-36-14

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. <u>0266-75</u>

DATE: December 8, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING AN AMENDMENT FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED NAVAJO NATION FUEL EXCISE TAX PROJECTS BY EXTENDING THE COMPLETION DATE FOR THE PROJECTS TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2028; WAIVING NAVAJO NATION ROAD FUND REGULATIONS, RESOLUTION RDCJN-36-14

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution extends the deadline of previously approved road projects. The new deadline is September 30, 2028.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development Committee

**VOTE REQUIREMENT:** Simple Majority

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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18 BE IT ENACTED:	
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20 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY	
A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo	
Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A).	
B. The Resources and Development Committee is the oversight committee of the Navajo	
Nation Division of Transportation. 2 N.N.C. §501(C).	
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26 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS	
A. The Navajo Nation Road Fund Regulations ("Regulations"), as approved by Resolution	
28 RDCJN-36-14, regulate the Navajo Nation Road Fund which is funded by the fuel excise	
tax. These Regulations provide at Section VII - Use of Unexpended Funds that, "[a]ny	
unexpended funds within a fiscal year shall be reverted back to the Fund Balance and	

eligible for reallocation for the following fiscal year specific to Section V [eligible road maintenance and road improvement activities]."

- B. Resources and Development Committee and its predecessor the Transportation and Community Development Committee previously approved Resolutions TCDCMA-01-04, RDCS-61-14, RDCJA-02-21, RDCAU-14-21, RDCO-25-22, and RDCJN-23-24 that funded or reallocated various Navajo Nation Road Fund Projects.
- C. The Navajo Nation Division of Transportation in a memorandum dated May 28, 2025 requests an amendment to the planned completion date (deadline) for the twenty-nine (29) approved Navajo Nation Road Fund Projects (the "Projects") to be extended to September 30, 2028, attached as Exhibit A.
- D. The Projects in Exhibit A are as follows:

<b>Accounts</b>	<u>Descriptions</u>	Resolution
C01206	NN Airports Maintenance	TCDMA-01-04
C01207	Window Rock Airport Parking Lot	RDCJN-23-24
C01507	Low Water Crossing	RDCO-25-22
C01524	Red Valley Rotue N5020	RDCS-61-14
C01535	Leupp N6910	RDCS-61-14
C01561	NDOT Road Project Preliminary	RDCJN-23-24
C01567	Whitehorse Lake Maintenance Yard	RDCO-25-22
C01576	Pinon N8030 Gravel	RDCO-25-22
C01644	Newcomb N5007	RDCO-25-22
C01647	Tsaile Wheatfields N8077 Bus Route	RDCO-25-22
C01649	Rock Point N8009	RDCO-25-22
C01652	Leupp N6910	RDCO-25-22
C01653	Whippoorwill N673	RDCO-25-22
C01657	Birdsprings N2	RDCJA-02-21
C01665	Gravel Pit Development	RDCO-25-22
C01666	Global Streeting Lighting	RDCJA-02-21
C01667	Airport EXT Grants	RDCO-25-22
C01849	Chinle Agency Red Dog '21	RDCAU-14-21

1	C01852	Tsaile N8077 '21	RDCAU-14-21
2	C01853	Alamo N55 '21	RDCAU-14-21
3	C01855	Ramah N125 '21	RDCAU-14-21
4	C01857	Eastern Agency Maintenance Yard	RDCAU-14-21
5	C01859	Chuska Mountain Wellness Trail '21	RDCAU-14-21
6	C01860	Coyote Canyon N9659 '21	RDCAU-14-21
7	C01861	Crystal & Steamboat Bridge '21	RDCAU-14-21
8	C01869	Sanostee N34/US 491 '21	RDCAU-14-21
9	C01874	Leupp N6910 - 21	RDCAU-14-21
10	C01875	Shonto N221 Red Dog '21	RDCAU-14-21
11	C01879	Gravel Pit Equipment '21	RDCAU-14-21

- E. The Navajo Division of Transportation has provided Budget Process schedules, attached as **Exhibit B**, for the Projects detailed in Exhibit A. The Division has also provided the Road Funds Job Status Inquiry Reports for each Project, which are attached as **Exhibit C**.
- F. The Executive Branch has completed its review process. The Office of Management and Budget, Office of the Controller and Department of Justice have indicated the documentation is sufficient; these reviews are attached as **Exhibit D**.
- G. To allow the Navajo Division of Transportation to complete these Projects, the completion date is extended to September 30, 2028.

SECTION THREE. WAIVING NAVAJO NATION ROAD FUND REGULATIONS, RDCJN-36-14, PREVENTING THE UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM REVERTING TO THE NAVAJO NATION ROAD FUND BALANCE FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED NAVAJO NATION ROAD FUND PROJECTS

The Resources and Development Committee waives the Navajo Nation Road Fund Regulations, Resolution RDCJN-36-14, to prevent unexpended funds from reverting back to the Navajo Nation Road Fund for the Projects identified in **Exhibit A**.

SECTION FOUR. AMENDING THE COMPLETION DATE FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED NAVAJO NATION ROAD FUND PROJECTS TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2028

The Resources and Development Committee amends the approved projects by extending the completion date for the Projects included in **Exhibit A**, to September 30, 2028.