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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee;
Supporting the Nation's Participation in the New Mexico Department of
Transportation, Transportation Project Fund (TPD) Program and Supporting
acceptance of the TPF Grant Award of \$1,615,000.00 for the NM371/NR 36
Intersection Improvement Project Located Near Upper Fruitland Chapter, San
Juan County, New Mexico**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0002-26

DATE: December 19, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING THE NATION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND (TPF) PROGRAM AND SUPPORTING ACCEPTANCE OF THE TPF GRANT AWARD OF \$1,615,000.00 FOR THE NM371/NR 36 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LOCATED NEAR UPPER FRUITLAND CHAPTER, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to support the Navajo Nation's participation in the New Mexico Department of Transportation TPF Program and to support acceptance of the New Mexico Department of Transportation TPF grant award of \$1,615,000.00 to fund portion of the construction, purchase and installation of a traffic signal light and related roadwork, including road widening at the intersection of NM371 and NR36 in San Juan County, New Mexico.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority Vote

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

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

Introduced by:


(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

**RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
SUPPORTING THE NATION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
FUND (TPF) PROGRAM AND SUPPORTING ACCEPTANCE OF THE TPF
GRANT AWARD OF \$1,615,000.00 FOR THE NM371/NR 36 INTERSECTION
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LOCATED NEAR UPPER FRUITLAND
CHAPTER, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

BE IT ENACTED:

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 for roads and transportation to oversee planning and coordinating of all roads and transportation of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C).
- C. The Resources and Development Committee is the oversight committee for the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation. 2 N.N.C. § 501(C)(1).
- D. The Resources and Development Committee is empowered to represent the Navajo Nation at state levels on actions affecting road and transportation matters. 2 N.N.C. §

1 501(C)(5).

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3 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 4 A. The intersection of New Mexico Highway 371 (NM371) and Navajo Route 36 (N36)
5 requires long-term safety. The current land uses near the intersection include residential,
6 industrial, agricultural, educational, recreational, hospitality and entertainment. In
7 addition to local users, the intersection provides connectivity to commerce, education,
8 medical treatment, and employment opportunities for the surrounding Navajo
9 communities including Upper Fruitland Chapter, the City of Farmington and San Juan
10 County. The intersection at NM371 and N36 warrants the installation of a signal light
11 by New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and is on the NMDOT's Signal
12 Priority List.
- 13 B. The Navajo Nation Division of Transportation submitted a New Mexico Department of
14 Transportation, Transportation Project Fund (TPF) application to fund a portion of the
15 construction, purchase and installation of a traffic signal light and related roadwork,
16 including road widening at the intersection of NM371 and NR36 in San Juan County,
17 New Mexico.
- 18 C. The NMDOT provided notice that the TPF application was approved. The total amount
19 of the project award is \$1,615,000.00. The NMDOT memorandum dated September 2,
20 2025 is attached as **Exhibit 1**.
- 21 D. The Navajo Nation's proportional match share is 5% or \$85,000.00, which was met by
22 Resolution No. RDCJN-23-24. This action approved the allocation of \$325,647.00 for
23 the project. Resolution No. RDCJN-23-24 (with its Exhibit B) is attached as **Exhibit 2**.
- 24 E. There is a critical need for a signal light and turning lanes at the intersection of NM371
25 and N36 to control traffic and improve road safety for visitors, the general public, and
26 the Navajo people living and working in the area.

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28 **SECTION THREE. SUPPORTING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW MEXICO**
29 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND**
30 **GRANT AWARD**

- 1 A. The Resources and Development Committee supports the Navajo Nation's participation
2 in the New Mexico Department of Transportation TPF Program.
- 3 B. The Resources and Development Committee supports acceptance of the New Mexico
4 Department of Transportation TPF grant award of \$1,615,000.00.
- 5 C. The Resources and Development Committee further acknowledges that the project
6 terminates June 30, 2028 and confirms that no federal funds, except the TPF Grant Funds
7 accepted by this Resolution will be used to finance the project.
- 8 D. The Resources and Development Committee further directs the staff of the Navajo Nation
9 Department of Transportation to process the necessary documents to fully implement the
10 acceptance of the TPF Grant Award.
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