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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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Resources & Development Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 **25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025**

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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10 **AN ACTION**

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

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19 **BE IT ENACTED:**

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21 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

22 A. The Resources and Development Committee is a Standing Committee of the Navajo
23 Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A).

24 B. The Resources and Development Committee is the oversight committee for roads and
25 transportation to oversee planning and coordinating of all roads and transportation of the
26 Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C).

27 C. The Resources and Development Committee is the oversight committee for the Navajo
28 Nation Division of Transportation. 2 N.N.C. § 501(C)(1).

29 D. The Resources and Development Committee is empowered to represent the Navajo
30 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**

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

SECTION THREE. SUPPORTING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND
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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