



Capital Development Committee

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FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION REQUEST

Department of Transportation
Arriba Rest Area Remodel

2026-009

Project Status

This is a new, never-before-requested project.

Table 1
Prioritization

Prioritized By	Priority	Notes
Department of Transportation	1 of 1	
Office of State Planning and Budgeting	Not prioritized	Not recommended for funding.

Table 2
Prior Appropriation and Request Information

Fund Source	Prior Appropriation	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27	Future Requests	Total Costs
CCF	\$0	\$281,672	\$0	\$0	\$281,672
CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$281,672	\$0	\$0	\$281,672

Table 3
Itemized Cost Information

Category	Prior Appropriation	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27	Future Requests	Total Costs
Land Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$213,388	\$0	\$0	\$213,388
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$25,607	\$0	\$0	\$25,607
Contingency	\$0	\$42,677	\$0	\$0	\$42,677
Total	\$0	\$281,672	\$0	\$0	\$281,672

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Program Plan Status

Approved Program Plan: No

FCI: N/A

Project Description/Scope of Work

The Department of Transportation (CDOT) is requesting state funds to replace the irrigation system and xeriscape at the Arriba rest area along Interstate 70. The project will significantly reduce water usage at the property.

The project requires killing the existing turf grass, aerating the ground, and plowing the turf remnants under. Next, it replaces the existing irrigation system and establishes native plantings. The new irrigation system includes a drip system to water trees and low-pressure, low-angle sprinklers for the native grasses. The system also includes sensors to manage water flow and to turn the system off when it is raining.

Cost assumption. Costs were estimated based on similar projects conducted by CDOT. The project does not comply with the Art in Public Places program. It is exempt from the High Performance Certification Program requirements.

Table 4
Project Schedule

Project Component	Start Date	Completion Date
Design	April 2025	June 2025
Construction	August 2025	June 2027

Project Justification

Rest areas are water-intensive facilities, primarily due to sinks, toilets, and irrigation. Irrigation has the biggest impact on water usage but is expensive to update. CDOT estimates that the project will reduce water consumption at the rest stop by 50 to 75 percent. In addition, water is sourced from the nearby town of Arriba; CDOT is the town's largest water customer, and reducing its water usage would ease pressure on the local water supply. Finally, CDOT prioritizes using its limited operating budget for rest areas for life-safety project over conservation projects. CDOT estimates this project will not otherwise be funded until at least 2031.

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Program Information

CDOT operates 26 rest areas with an overall operating budget of about \$600,000 per year.

Operating Budget

CDOT estimates that decreased water usage results in annual savings of at least \$1,750.

Staff Questions and Issues

None.



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**Department of Transportation
Highway Construction Projects**

1996-110

Project Status

This is an ongoing project.

**Table 2
Prior Appropriation and Request Information**

Fund Source	Prior Appropriation	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27	Future Requests	Total Costs
CCF	\$16,500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$17,000,000
CCFE	\$431,504,419	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$431,504,419
Total	\$448,004,419	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$448,504,419

**Table 3
Itemized Cost Information**

Category	Prior Appropriation	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27	Future Requests	Total Costs
Land Acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$448,004,419	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$448,504,419
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$448,004,419	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$448,504,419

Program Plan Status

Approved Program Plan: N/A

FCI: N/A

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Department of Transportation
Highway Construction Projects

1996-110

Project Description/Scope of Work

The project funds Department of Transportation (CDOT) highway construction, maintenance, and repair projects. State law requires the Transportation Commission to annually submit to the Capital Development Committee (CDC) a capital construction request for such projects. Since 2011, the JBC has included in the capital construction portion of the Long Bill \$500,000 in General Fund Exempt moneys for highway construction, maintenance, and repair projects, and the General Assembly has subsequently approved these appropriations. The CDC may recommend to the JBC that this funding be included in the 2025 Long Bill.

The General Fund Exempt Account was created through the passage of Referendum C in 2005 by the voters. The referendum authorizes the state to retain and expend state revenues in excess of the TABOR fiscal year spending limit, but less than the excess revenues cap. The General Fund Exempt Account consists of the amount of state revenues in excess of the TABOR state fiscal year spending limit that would have been refunded had Referendum C not passed. This money may only be appropriated for four purposes, including strategic transportation projects.

Operating Budget

The project has no projected impact on state operating costs.

Staff Questions and Issues

None.