



Manager's Memo

Spring is Here!

Spring has officially arrived! With Spring comes a time for renewal and new beginnings. Our STAR Program is seeing lots of new beginnings as well including a few small changes to this monthly newsletter based on your input. We also just wrapped our first exclusive webinar series on QuickBooks with positive feedback from the many participants. Now we are excitedly planning the next webinar series and will be announcing some new programs along with new NMDOT STAR faces very soon. We hope you take time to renew your efforts to build your business by participating in the offerings of the NMDOT STAR Program.

- Tom Fulcher, STAR Program Consultant

Upcoming Events

April 17

SBDC Alamogordo.
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April 24

Las Cruces.
Transcon New Mexico

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April 25

SBDC Farmington.
Cash Flow Forecasting for Small
Business

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What topic would you like to learn more about?

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Business Buzz

Fastest Way to Check for Your Tax Refund

Offering time-saving alternatives to a telephone call, the Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers they can get fast answers to their refund questions by using the [Where's My Refund?](#) tool available on IRS.gov and through the IRS2Go app.

The IRS issues nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days, and the fastest way to get a refund is to use IRS e-file and direct deposit. Taxpayers claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional ChildTax Credit will see their refunds, which by law must be held until mid-February, after Feb. 27.

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Industry News

Strong Economy Has Americans Driving More Than Ever Before

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released new data today showing total U.S. driving in 2018 surged to a record-setting 3.225 trillion vehicle-miles traveled (VMT).

“Record-setting vehicle-miles traveled reflects a robust economy, lower gas prices and is another reason to ensure that America’s roads and bridges are well-maintained and modernized to improve safety,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

The 3.225 trillion miles driven in 2018 represents an increase of 12.2 billion miles over the previous year.

Demand for cargo and delivery services are also setting records. In 2017 and 2018, the U.S. saw more demand for freight than ever before. In December 2018, the Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) was up 2.9 percent from December 2017 and up 9.8 percent from December 2016, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS).

The U.S. Department of Transportation remains committed to investing in improvements to infrastructure, and furthering the department's ongoing efforts to reduce the federal regulatory burden so that road and bridge projects can be delivered more quickly.

The new data published in FHWA's latest "Traffic Volume Trends" report – a monthly estimate of U.S. road travel – show that, combined, all miles driven on public roads and highways in 2018 is the highest on record. It is also the fifth year in a row to top 3 trillion miles traveled.

The December 2018 "Traffic Volume Trends" report also includes seasonally adjusted data, which is calculated by USDOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics, as a way to account for seasonal variation in travel and enable VMT comparisons with any other month in any year. The estimates include passenger vehicle, bus and truck travel.

Meet The Team

Each Newsletter will introduce another NMDOT team member. This month, we are happy to introduce **Rebecca Maes**.



Title: STIP Manager

Location: Santa Fe

Joined NMDOT: 1997

Work Role: All federally funded and/or regionally significant projects are required to be programmed into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The projects are fiscally constrained in the first four years anything outside the four years is considered to be informational only.

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:
Mint Chocolate Chip

Additional Thoughts

*“We all need people who will give us feedback.
That’s how we improve.”*
–Bill Gates

New Mexico Project Leads
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