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## **Governor Bill Richardson Appoints Gary Girón as Secretary of Transportation**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Gary Girón to serve as Secretary of the Department of Transportation. Girón, who is the current deputy secretary at the department, will replace Rhonda Faught when she retires at the end of the year.

“With his extensive experience as a manager and a thorough understanding of our transportation issues, I am confident that Gary Girón can immediately step in and lead the Department of Transportation,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “Gary understands the need to be bold and pursue every opportunity to build a safe and modern transportation system.”

Girón, a native of Santa Fe, has served in various management roles throughout Governor Richardson’s two terms. He has served as Deputy Secretary of Business Support at the Department of Transportation since 2006, during the time period when the Rail Runner was extended from Bernalillo to Santa Fe.

Before that, Girón was Deputy Director of the state Personnel Office and Deputy Secretary at the Department of Finance & Administration.

Before his work in the Richardson Administration, Girón, a licensed mental health counselor, spent 22 years in the health care field. He was the Hospital Administrator for the New Mexico Rehabilitation **Center** in Roswell from 1999 through 2002.

As the Secretary-designee of the Transportation Department, Girón will be charged with completing the GRIP projects across the state, while working with the Governor to address the long-term funding needs of the department.

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