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GOVERNOR SUSANA MARTINEZ ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY ALVIN DOMINGUEZ

*Dominguez retiring after 28 years in transportation-related public service, including 18
years at NMDOT*

SANTA FE – Governor Susana Martinez announced today that Department of Transportation Secretary Alvin Dominguez will be retiring from the state as of December 31, 2012. Secretary Dominguez has spent 28 years in transportation-related public service and has worked for NMDOT for the last 18 years. He was appointed to the cabinet secretary position by Governor Martinez in January 2011.

"Secretary Dominguez has done an outstanding job of professionalizing the Department of Transportation and reforming one of the largest agencies in state government," said Governor Martinez. "Given his extraordinary expertise in transportation and the deep respect that his peers throughout New Mexico have for him, I asked Alvin two years ago to put his retirement plans on hold and lead the department that he had served for a decade and a half. His service to the state came with personal sacrifice and I am grateful for his willingness to take on that challenge. I wish him the very best in his retirement."

Dominguez is a resident of Las Cruces and commuted to Santa Fe at the beginning of each work week, returning home to Southern New Mexico over the weekends. He and his wife Cynthia have three sons.

"For the past 18 years I have been privileged to work alongside the talented and hardworking employees of the Department of Transportation," said Secretary Dominguez. "There are very few organizations made up of individuals who are as dedicated to their mission as NMDOT. I appreciate the opportunity that Governor Martinez gave me to lead the agency as cabinet secretary for the past two years. I leave with great memories of an organization that continually evolves, taking on new challenges and technologies as an opportunity to continually improve itself."

Dominguez worked for the city of Roswell as a field engineer for a decade before joining the New Mexico Department of Transportation in 1995. After serving in a variety of engineering roles, Dominguez was named South Region Design Regional Manager in 2007, the position he held until he was appointed to the cabinet secretary position by Governor Martinez. Dominguez graduated from New Mexico State University in 1983 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering Technology.

Deputy Secretary Tom Church will serve as acting secretary until a permanent replacement is named.

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