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DFA Announces Wesley Billingsley as Director for New Infrastructure Division

Santa Fe, NM – The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) announced Wesley Billingsley as director of the newly established Infrastructure Planning and Development Division (IPDD). Billingsley currently serves as the Local Government Division Director and Capital Outlay Bureau chief and will transition to his new role beginning July 1.

"It's rare to find the 'perfect' person for the job but that is exactly what Wesley is in this case," says DFA Secretary Wayne Propst. "He brings a wealth of experience but more importantly a vision that is needed as the state works to improve this critical function, capital outlay, that impacts every New Mexican."

Billingsley has worked in capital outlay for 12 years, the last six as the capital outlay bureau chief.

During the last session, the legislature passed HB 232, creating an Infrastructure Planning and Development Division within DFA. The new Division will enhance the infrastructure and capital outlay process through a centralized division.

In collaboration with the Governor's Office and Secretary Propst, Billingsley will lead the most meaningful overhaul and improvements to New Mexico's Capital Outlay process. This overhaul will speed the delivery of new roads, museums, schools, parks, water systems, public buildings, and other infrastructure for communities across the state.

IPDD will track spending more accurately, ensure projects are funded appropriately, and provide public-facing dashboards for project funding and status transparency. Additionally, IPDD will overhaul the current digital system for capital planning and expenditures, making the process more efficient and accessible for all those involved in infrastructure and capital outlay.