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Albuquerque, NM (KKOB) — During the 30-day legislative session that begins next week lawmakers are expected to address road repairs and construction across the state with a \$1.5 billion bonding bill. The bonding bill, which would have also increased vehicle registration fees and imposed a new fee on electric vehicles, stalled in the Senate during the final days of last year's 60-day legislative session. The push for more road funding was bolstered Thursday by a report from a national group that found that driving on deficient roads costs New Mexico drivers about \$3.3 billion per year. TRIP, a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit group, found that more than half of the roads in both Albuquerque and Las Cruces are currently in poor or mediocre condition.