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We are very please to learn that the Low Mountain Road, Route 60N will hopefully be paved sometime soon. This route is heavily traveled, but it is slow due to the condition of the road. We do have patients that come to our facility, Hopi Health Care Center, to receive either emergency care or non-emergent services. In any case the travel time is long and for the patients that do have urgent needs, their need for service is delayed tremendously.

When our Ambulances are called out and have to travel on Route 60 N, there is delay, which critically impacts on care for the patient. There have been critical situations where it has resulted in close calls for the life and death situations, because of the condition of the road. Because the road is not paved, the weather (rain, snow, wind) always has a severe impact on the condition by make more difficult to travel on, thus causing longer hours of delay.

There is tremendous wear and tear on the Hopi Tribe's ambulances when they respond to emergencies and have to travel on Route 60 N. Again, the ambulance crews take a big risk by traveling on the dirt road during the day, but the risk elevates at night and when the weather conditions get worse.

On behalf of all our patient, staff, EMS crews and community, we appreciate all your efforts in getting the funding for the paving project. If there is anything else you need from us, let us know.