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Governor Susana Martinez, FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez and State Transportation Officials Break Ground on I-10/I-25 Interchange Project in Las Cruces

LAS CRUCES - The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) was joined by Governor Susana Martinez and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Administrator Victor Mendez to break ground on the newly designed ramp interchange system at the intersection of Interstate 10 and Interstate 25.

Contractor A.S. Horner, Inc. is scheduled to begin work on the \$36.6 million project on April 26. Mostly supported through federal funding, the project is expected to last just over a year. The scope will consist of a newly constructed flyover ramp for I-10 eastbound to I-25 northbound, and an I-25 southbound to I-10 westbound ramp to support the volume of traffic.

“This intersection is a major crossroads in the heart of New Mexico’s second largest city. The improvements at the interchange will provide enhanced traffic flow and safer passageways for interstate commerce making its way into and out of New Mexico daily south from Mexico, east from Texas or west from California and Arizona, boosting our state’s economy in more ways than one,” said Governor Susana Martinez.

“This project will not only create jobs now, it will also help move freight more efficiently through the area, which is good for the economy,” Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez said. “These are two key routes for international trade and commerce.”

“The U.S. Department of Transportation is proud to fund projects such as this that hire local individuals, providing for long-term, high-wage jobs. Approximately 140 individuals from within this community have already been hired by the contractor,” said State Transportation Commissioner, Dr. Kenneth White of the New Mexico Department of Transportation. “This is a small investment for the overall return to the community and the traveling public.”

“This project will impact hundreds of thousands of motorists both here in New Mexico and across the Southwest. Thousands of commuters across Southern New Mexico, in addition to our neighbors in Texas, travel these two key interstates on a daily basis, with an estimated daily traffic volume of approximately 43,000 vehicles,” said Transportation Secretary Alvin Dominguez. “The contractor will be working seven days a week in shifts that will total 20 hours of work per day to ensure that the project is completed on time.”

The contractor will also be conducting work along the frontage roads of Stern and Las Alturas drives, installing lighting and curb and gutter.

“The District is working closely with the contractor to ensure that this project is completed on-time and on-budget with as little impact to the public as possible,” said District One Engineer Frank Guzman. “We ask for your patience during the next 373 days and encourage motorists to dial 511 or visit www.NMroads.com for up-to-date traffic information.”

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