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Press Release

I-10/I-25 Systems Interchange Project
Las Cruces, NM

LAS CRUCES – Construction of the I-10/I-25 Systems Interchange continues with closures that are affecting motorists at night and along I-10 eastbound. The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) have placed portable message boards and detour signs alert motorists of any closures. The NMDOT is encouraging motorists to exercise extreme caution with speed reductions, width restriction and heavy equipment movement in and around the project. The traffic updates for this project will be as follows.

Contractor: A.S. Horner, Inc.

- Cholla Road Detour: Cholla Road remains CLOSED under I-25. Motorists are advised to use Triviz - Wells - Geothermal Detour to Las Alturas. This detour will be in place until 07/22/12 for widening of I-25 Cholla Bridges.
- I-25 Southbound (SB) & Northbound (NB) Detours: The two-way NB & SB traffic is in the NB lanes using detour crossovers for construction of I-25 SB Bridge over Cholla Road. The anticipated completion of the SB Bridge is 06/15/12 at which time new South to West Ramp will be open to traffic. The NB lanes have been reduced to one lane approaching Cholla Bridges for construction of new flyover bridge support. The speed limit is **reduced** to 35 MPH for safe merging of I-10 eastbound to NB traffic.
- I-25 SB closures for NIGHT time work will be from June 7-10, 2010. Times will be as follows:
 - Thursday-June 7th, 10:30 p.m. -7:00 a.m.
 - Friday-June 8th, 10:30 p.m. – 9:30 a.m.
 - Saturday June 9th, 10:30 p.m. – 9:30 a.m.
 - Sunday June 10th, 9:00 pm. - 6:00 a.m.

- I-10 Eastbound (EB) & Westbound (WB) Detours: The lanes in both directions have been reduced to one lane intermittently for work in the median and on the shoulders. The two-way traffic is in the EB lanes at Fillmore for drainage structure construction in the WB lanes.
- **All** I-10 traffic is placed on the WB lanes. Motorists traveling WB on I-10 to access I-25 NB will **NEED** to use US-70/Picacho, Avenida de Mesilla or N. Main/University exit as an alternate route. The construction of the new flyover will be under construction and this portion will be **CLOSED** for approximately 5 months.
- Stern Drive: The traffic is on the new detour closer to the houses for construction of retaining walls for the flyover bridge over I-10 and the new East to North Ramp. This traffic pattern will be in place for about 3 1/2 months, until end of August. Both streets in to the subdivision, Morning Dove and Spotted Dove are open to traffic.
- Las Alturas: The traffic has been shifted closer to the interstate (I-25) for construction of the east half of the new road, which started 5-31-12 and will take 2 weeks to complete.

Please obey the speed limit signs, watch for trucks turning, construction equipment and workers. Motorists will see delays in traffic during peak hours and would like to remind motorists to plan ahead and to seek an alternate route if necessary due to restrictions.

This project will be progressing in stages where updates will be posted the NMDOT home page <http://www.dot.state.nm.us/InterchangeI10-I25.html> and on their road advisory site at www.NMroads.com.

For questions regarding this project call Leandro Montoya, III P.E., NMDOT District One Project Manager at (575) 525-7300 or Bridget Spedalieri at (575) 525-7340, NMDOT District One Public Relations Officer.

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