

Project Announces Week of Major Work at Night Dec. 16-20, 2013

Activities will impact I-25 and Paseo Del Norte from 9 p.m.-5 a.m.; Nighttime Commuters Urged to Seek Alternate Route

Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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ALBUQUERQUE – The New Mexico Department of Transportation has announced that the design-build contractor for the Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange Reconstruction Project is planning nighttime work each night this week that will affect both I-25 and Paseo Del Norte.

Nighttime work affecting I-25 includes:

Two left lanes will be closed in each direction (northbound and southbound) on I-25 at Paseo Del Norte Monday, Dec. 16 from 9 p.m.-5 a.m.;

A full closure of southbound I-25 at Paseo Del Norte is scheduled from 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, Wednesday, Dec. 18, Thursday, Dec. 19 and Friday, Dec. 20. Traffic will exit at Paseo Del Norte and re-enter at I-25 and San Antonio; and

The left lane of northbound I-25 at Paseo Del Norte will be closed from 9 p.m.-5 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, Wednesday, Dec. 18, Thursday, Dec. 19 and Friday, Dec. 20.

Nighttime work affecting Paseo Del Norte includes:

Paseo Del Norte is reduced to one lane in each direction (eastbound and westbound) from 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, Tuesday, Dec. 17, Wednesday, Dec. 18, Thursday, Dec. 19 and Friday, Dec. 20 and ongoing until further notice.

"These closures are necessary for relocation of a gas line underneath I-25 as well as for ongoing demolition and construction activities. We have scheduled them at night to try to minimize inconvenience to the majority of commuters using the interchange. However, we encourage motorists traveling at night to plan accordingly, expect delays and to seek an alternate route if possible," said Sally Reeves, Construction Project Manager for the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Real-time information on Project construction is available at <u>www.paseoi25.com</u>. Persons can sign up for automatic text or email updates at the website.

A project hotline, (505) 245-3150, is also available for anyone with questions or comments. The hotline is staffed by consultants during regular business hours, and also has recorded information on construction impacts as well as emergency contact information during evenings and weekends.

The Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange Reconstruction Project is a project of the New Mexico Department of Transportation in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County and in cooperation with the Mid-Region Council of Governments.

All construction for the Project is subject to change without notice and is based on weather conditions. ###