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Bridgework Scheduled for weekend of Oct. 22; Ramp closure planned

Albuquerque, NM— The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Three and contractor, Truesdell Corporation will be performing bridgework beginning Oct. 21, at 9 p.m. to Oct. 24, at 5 a.m. (Friday night to Monday morning).

Motorists can expect a full closure of the I-25 northbound to I-40 eastbound flyover ramp. Additionally, there will be a two lane closure on I-40 eastbound just following the closed flyover ramp over University Boulevard. Detour route signs will be posted near the project work zone.

All lanes will be reopened by 5 a.m. on Monday Oct. 24, unless crews complete work early.

The flyover ramp is the final bridge scheduled to undergo preservation as part of this project and is one of 10 bridges to be resurfaced in and around the Big I area since early July. The bridgework includes thoroughly cleaning the surface then applying two consecutive layers of an epoxy coating (resin) then aggregate (gravel) on top. This maintenance is required to prolong the lifespan of the bridge surface.

For project-related traffic updates visit <u>www.nmroads.com</u>. Dates/times are subject to change weather permitting.

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NMDOT District Three located in Albuquerque, NM routinely inspects and maintains approximately 650 bridges located within the District boundaries that include Bernalillo, Valencia and a portion of Sandoval County. The department also maintains and preserves the surface transportation system to include 3,168 lane miles of highway of which 79% is in urban areas.