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Bridgework Scheduled in Big I area; Lane and ramp closures planned

Albuquerque, NM—The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Three and contractor, Truesdell Corp, will be doing maintenance work on bridges located near the Big I. Work is scheduled during weekends throughout July and August, pending weather conditions, and will take place from Friday night at 9 p.m. through Monday at 5 a.m. The epoxy overlay to be applied to the bridge surface is temperature sensitive and is heavily dependent on dry, stable conditions.

"We've identified highly traveled bridges in the vicinity of the Big I that have not had this type of preventative work done since they were built. This process is important to protect the bridge surfaces and extend their lifespan," said Will Dodge, Bridge Engineer for NMDOT.

Motorists should expect lane and ramp closures. Detours will be posted near the workzone. The anticipated schedule for the next two weekends is:

- ***July 8th at 9 p.m. to July 11th at 5 a.m. (Friday to Monday)**
  Workzone: I-40 Westbound bridge over University Boulevard; Carlisle westbound on-ramp closed throughout weekend.
- ***July 15th at 9 p.m. to July 18th at 5 a.m. (Friday to Monday)**
  Workzone: I-40 Westbound bridge over University Boulevard, I-40 westbound off ramp to I-25 northbound (flyover) and I-25 northbound over Menaul Blvd. Carlisle westbound on-ramp closed throughout weekend.

* Dates/times are subject to change pending weather conditions. No work will be permitted during regional celebrations.

For project-related traffic updates visit www.nmroads.com.

NMDOT District Three located in Albuquerque, NM routinely inspects and maintains nearly 700 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.

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