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New Mexico Department of Transportation Encourages Roadway Safety During Balloon Fiesta

Albuquerque, NM – A popular New Mexico tradition – the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta – kicks off this weekend which will mean more motorists on our roads and highways. It’s important that drivers pay extra attention to roadway safety and remember not to park on NMDOT roads and right-of-ways – specifically the interstates, frontage roads, Paseo del Norte, Alameda, and Tramway.

“We encourage everyone to enjoy the beautiful scenes of the Balloon Fiesta while being safe on the road,” said NMDOT Secretary Tom Church said. “Together we can make sure everyone gets to and from their destination safely. Please don’t park on the road or right-of-way, keep your eyes on the road, put your cell phones away, buckle up and give other motorists space.”

NMDOT is working with local law enforcement to ensure the safety of the public on the roadways and right-of-ways. Law enforcement will be assisting with traffic control to enforce safety and parking restrictions. Please remember parking is prohibited in the following areas:

- NM 556 (Tramway Boulevard / Roy Avenue) between I-25 and NM 313 (Roundabout)
- NM 556 (Tramway Boulevard) east of I-25 to Forest Service Road 333
- NB and SB I-25 between Tramway and San Mateo Blvd
- NM 313 between Roy Avenue (Roundabout) to Milepost 6 (Town of Bernalillo)
- Alameda Boulevard (NM 528)
- Edith Boulevard North of Paseo Del Norte

NMDOT’s Courtesy Patrol crew will also be available along I-25 in the vicinity of the event to maintain the traffic flow along the interstate. Courtesy Patrol is tasked with keeping New Mexico roads safe by assisting stranded motorists and helping them get back on the road.

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