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**Construction to Shift to North Side of US 550 Friday, June 5, 2020**

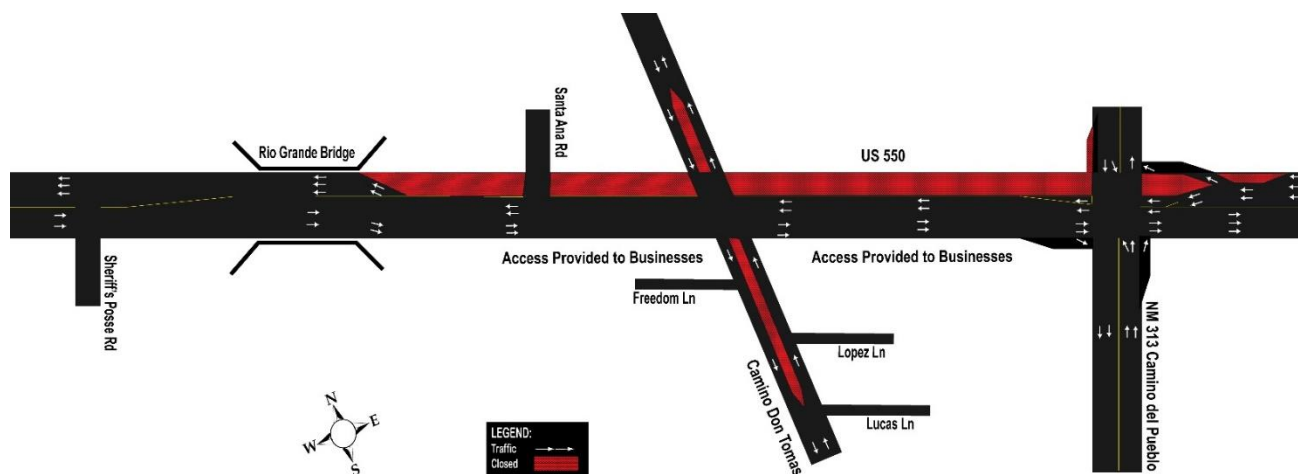
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**BERNALILLO, 6-4-20** – Construction on the U.S. 550 Phase 2 Project will mark an important milestone when work shifts from the south side of U.S. 550 to the north side of the roadway beginning Friday, June 5, 2020.

A new construction zone will be set up on the north side of U.S. 550 from NM 313 (Camino del Pueblo) to the Rio Grande Bridge. Traffic will be shifted south. There will be two travel lanes in each direction (east and west) on U.S. 550, but there will be no center turn lane. Left turns will only be permitted at signalized intersections, including NM 313 and Camino Don Tomas.

Crews will also be working in the medians on Camino Don Tomas, so there will be one lane open in each direction north and south of the intersection of Camino Don Tomas and U.S. 550. There will be no restrictions in the intersection of U.S. 550 and Camino Don Tomas.

Access will be provided to all businesses on the north side of the roadway in the construction zone through selected driveways.



Project officials encouraged drivers to give themselves extra time to travel through the U.S. 550 corridor during the first few days of the new traffic configuration. They also reminded drivers not to block intersections and to obey lower posted speed limits. Speeding fines are doubled in the construction zone.

Construction on the two-year U.S. 550 Phase 2 project began in October 2019 and is expected to last through fall 2021. The project is designed to add travel lanes in each direction on U.S. 550, enhance pedestrian and bicycle amenities and upgrade drainage on U.S. 550 between NM 313 and NM 528 in Rio Rancho. The project will also create New Mexico's first continuous flow intersection. Individuals can sign up for free construction updates and get more information at the project website, [www.keepmoving550.com](http://www.keepmoving550.com).

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