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**Crews to Install Large Storm Drain Pipe on Camino Don Tomas  
At US 550 June 1-10, 20**

*Work Expected to Facilitate Traffic Flow When Construction Moves to North Side of Roadway*

**BERNALILLO, 5-29-20** – Beginning Monday, June 1, 2020 and lasting for about 10 days, through Wednesday, June 10, 2020, Camino Don Tomas will be right-in and right-out only at U.S. 550 so crews can install a 60-inch storm drain pipe and new manholes. No left turns in or out of Camino Don Tomas and no thru lanes will be open.

During this work:

- Traffic heading north on Camino Don Tomas south of U.S. 550 will **ONLY** be able to turn right and head east on U.S. 550. Traffic will **NOT** be allowed to cross U.S. 550 or turn left.
- Traffic heading south on Camino Don Tomas north of U.S. 550 will **ONLY** be able to turn right and head west on U.S. 550. Traffic will **NOT** be allowed to cross U.S. 550 or turn left.
- Traffic heading west on U.S. 550 will not be able make a left turn to access Camino Don Tomas to the south, but will be able to turn right to access Camino Don Tomas to head north.
- Traffic heading east on U.S. 550 will **ONLY** be able to turn right and head south on Camino Don Tomas. Traffic will **NOT** be allowed to turn left to access Camino Don Tomas to head north.

The work is part of a two-year project to add lanes, improve traffic flow, enhance pedestrian and bicycle amenities, and upgrade drainage on U.S. 550 between NM 313 (Camino Del Pueblo) and NM 528 in Rio Rancho. The project will also create New Mexico's first continuous flow intersection. Construction is expected to be completed in fall 2021.

Laying the storm drain pipeline at this point in the project is intended to facilitate better traffic flow when construction moves from the south side of U.S. 550 to the north side of the roadway later this summer. Project officials acknowledge the work will inconvenience local and commuter traffic, but said the traffic restrictions are necessary to allow crews to safely complete installation of the pipeline. Crews will work extended hours and on the weekend as needed.

Persons can sign up for free email traffic updates and get more information at the project website, [www.keepmoving550.com](http://www.keepmoving550.com).

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