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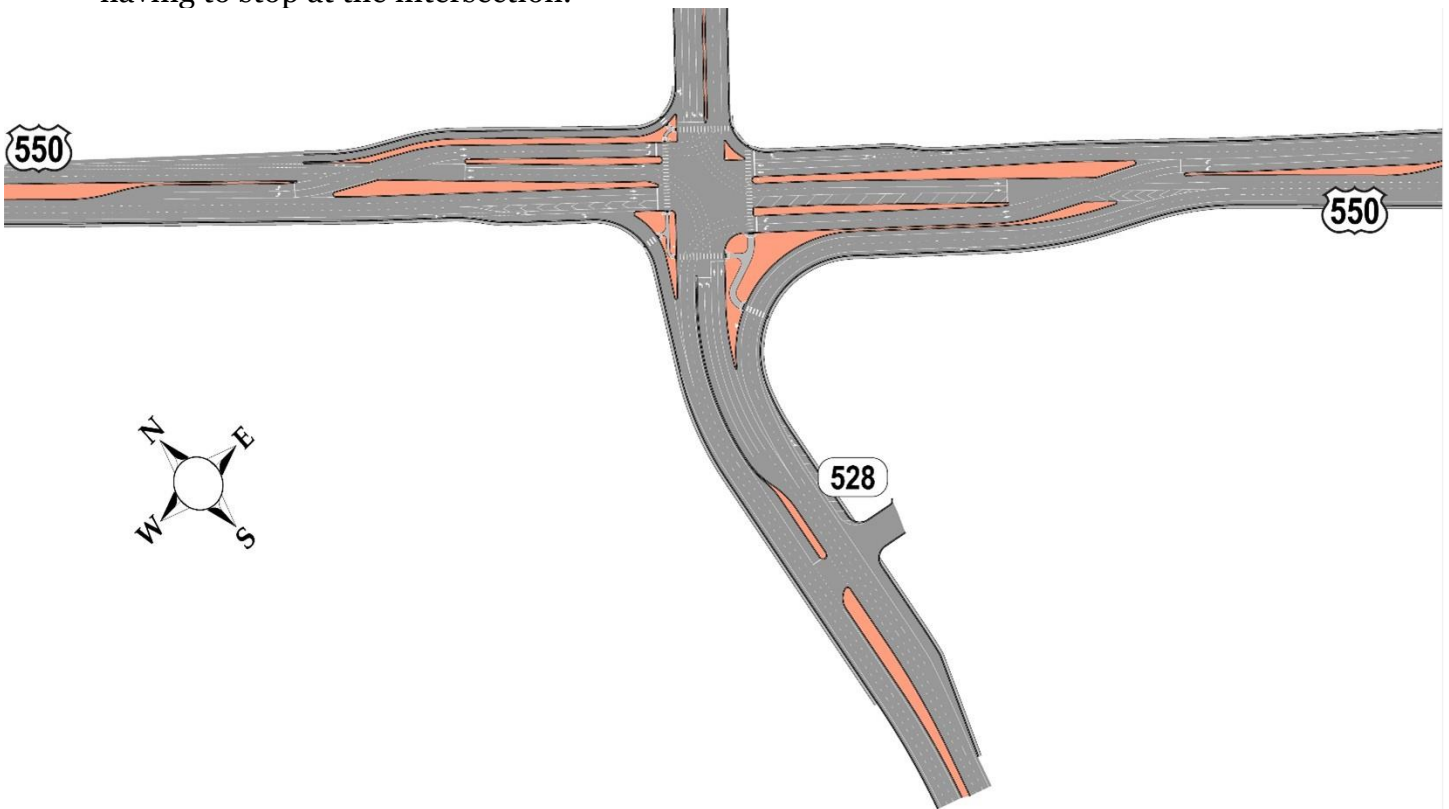
New Mexico Department of Transportation opens first Continuous Flow Intersection

Crews continuing construction on U.S 550 Interchange Project

BERNALILLO-Crews will reach an important milestone on the U.S. 550 project when they open the state's first Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021.

The purpose of the CFI is to improve traffic flow and safety. The CFI includes the following features and traffic movements:

- New traffic signals on U.S. 550 are placed further back east and west of the intersection.
- A green light on the signals will allow traffic headed southbound on Tamaya Blvd. or northbound on NM 528 to make a left-hand turn and safely cross oncoming traffic, which will be stopped at red lights. Motorists will then navigate into new lanes on the far left-hand side of U.S. 550 eastbound or westbound.
- Traffic heading north on NM 528 will be able to turn right and head east on U.S. 550 without having to stop at the intersection.



The new traffic configuration will take some getting used to and drivers are encouraged to view video demonstrations at the U.S. 550 project's website, www.keepmoving550.com.

While the CFI is an important milestone, there are still some details of the overall N.M. 550 project that require warm weather so these minor construction activities will be scheduled in the spring. Lanes will be reduced, and the work will be scheduled to minimize the inconvenience to the traveling public as much as possible.

The CFI and NM550 corridor will be fully open to the travelling public before Thanksgiving. Project officials acknowledged the project was originally scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2021, but said unmarked underground utilities, supply chain shortages and other unforeseen circumstances caused delays.

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