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Traffic Advisory

## **Bridge Work on I-25/St. Francis Off-Ramp Closure and Traffic Switch on St. Francis Drive**

Preliminary work on the rehabilitation of the I-25/St. Francis off-ramp began this month as construction crews placed bridge netting, set up temporary reduce speed signs and message boards. As work continues on the I-25/St. Francis Bridge Rehabilitation, a traffic switch and closure of the St. Francis Off-Ramp will be coming soon.

Starting Week of April 30-

- The southbound traffic on St. Francis Drive will be switched to the northbound lanes on St. Francis Drive. Motorists will be traveling on one lane in each direction.
- The southbound I-25 off-ramp to Rabbit Road will be closed. The southbound traffic to Rabbit Road will be detoured at Old Pecos Trail.
- The northbound I-25 on-ramp at Southbound St. Francis will be closed. Northbound I-25 traffic at southbound St. Francis will be detoured onto Rabbit Road.
- The St. Francis northbound off-ramp to U.S. 285/St. Francis Drive will require a full closure for 55 days. This is scheduled for the week of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Further information on the closure date will be provided soon.

\$6.1 million project will include rehabilitative work on four bridges on I-25 and one bridge on the northbound I-25 off-ramp to northbound St. Francis Drive located in Santa Fe. The work will consist of the replacement of concrete decks and bridge railings, repairing the abutments, piers and wingwalls, build new approach slabs and pavement rehabilitation on the northbound I-25 off-ramp to northbound St. Francis Drive; work is scheduled to complete late summer 2012.

Drivers are asked to plan their drive time accordingly, expect delays, watch for construction personnel working the area, observe temporary construction signing, and reduce speed to the posted speed limits.

NMDOT has worked closely with the public and the city of Santa Fe on the project design and planned detour. The new bridge will improve safety and prolong the life of the bridge.

Questions can be directed to Simon Sena with the New Mexico Department of Transportation Project Office, at (505) 980-8780 or Rosanne Rodriguez, Public Information Officer for the New Mexico Department of Transportation District Five, at (505) 476-4205.

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