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**I-40/Louisiana Ramp Reconstruction Begins Tonight**

**Albuquerque, NM** – Reconstruction of the I-40/Louisiana eastbound on and off- ramps as well as a portion of Louisiana Boulevard, will begin tonight and last through early June, weather permitting. Initial phases of the reconstruction project will occur during overnight hours (9 p.m. – 5:30 a.m.) with later phases of the project taking place during both day and night hours. The project cost is $3.7 million and is designed to reduce congestion of the eastbound off-ramp, by adding one additional left turn lane onto northbound Louisiana. The project will also include on-ramp reconstruction, lighting, and signalization upgrades.

Reconstruction of the on and off ramps as well as Louisiana Boulevard will occur in phases. **The following is a list of expected closures; however, all dates are approximate and subject to change.**

* January 11th to March 18th – Eastbound I-40 on-ramp will have single lane closures from 9:00pm until 5:30am;
* Jan. 12th to January 26th—Northbound Louisiana Boulevard will be restricted from 3 lanes to 2 or 1 lane 9:00 p.m. – 5:30 a.m.;
* February 21st to March 8th – Eastbound I-40 on-ramp will be closed to traffic;
* March 20th to April 19th – Eastbound I-40 off-ramp will be closed to traffic; and
* April 19th to May 4th – Southbound Louisiana will be closed to traffic between the north side of the bridge and Constitution Boulevard. Highway on-ramps will continue to be accessible in both directions. There will be no access to southbound Louisiana from the eastbound off ramp.

Motorists are urged to proceed through the work zone with caution, as some lane closures will occur along with reduced speed limits in the area. Weekly updates to the project will be posted at [www.NMRoads.com](http://www.NMRoads.com) and on messages boards throughout the project area.

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