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## **I-40 Concrete Slab Repair Work with One Lane Traffic**

**Albuquerque, NM** – The New Mexico Department of Transportation has received a lot of phone calls from concerned citizens about the road construction project on westbound I-40 in Albuquerque. The Department recognizes this project may have caused significant traffic delays. For this particular project concrete slabs are being poured in small sections which then have to cure. This requires traffic to be reduced to one lane to provide safety to on-site workers as they conduct material testing, pothole patching and prep work for upcoming slabs. Also, there may have been some confusion about the completion date of this project. The public may have noticed differing dates on the dynamic and portable message boards. NMDOT wants to notify the public the work will be wrapping up by July of 2019 and will continue to require one lane traffic configurations. NMDOT understands construction may lead to frustration for drivers as crews work to provide safe, reliable roadways for motorists. Crews strive to minimize inconvenience to drivers by conducting work at night or during off-peak traffic hours as much as possible. However, there are times when work is necessary and unavoidable during the busiest times of the day. NMDOT sincerely appreciates the public's patience and courtesy.

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