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Traffic Advisory

## US 285/ I-40 Interchange Improvement Work Clines Corners

**Clines Corners** – The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) continues its work on the US 285/ I-40 interchange at Clines Corners. The improvement work, which began September 2<sup>nd</sup>, includes the lengthening and realignment of the westbound exit ramp, the realignment of the westbound entrance ramp, and the lengthening of the eastbound on and off ramps on I-40. The US 285 bridge over I-40 will be widened 24 feet to accommodate two lanes of traffic in each direction.

The work on US 285 from mile marker 248.84 to mile marker 250.46 includes the reconstruction and widening of the existing lanes to accommodate two lanes of traffic each direction. Other work on the project includes new drainage structures, new curb and gutter, new signing and the installation of an intelligent transportation system.

Motorists can expect minor delays due to a flagging operation on US 285 at mile marker 249, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be intermittent lane closures on I-40 eastbound and westbound lanes at Clines Corners.

The Federal Highway Administration and NMDOT partnered to fund the improvements. The project cost is \$9,858,988 and is scheduled for completion in June of 2015, weather permitting. Mountain States Constructors of Albuquerque is the contractor for this project.

Drivers are urged to proceed with caution through the work zone, observe traffic control signs and reduce speed to the posted limit. Updates on this project will be posted on the New Mexico Department of Transportation's road advisory website <u>www.nmroads.com</u>

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