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Press Release

Bridgework on I-40 from Big I to Carlisle Extended through this weekend;

Albuquerque, NM—The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Three is scheduled to complete the bridge preservation work, weather permitting, located on I-40 just east of the Big I (over the diversion channels). Work is scheduled from Friday, April 22, at 9 p.m. through Monday, April 25 at 5 a.m. Crews were unable to complete the work last weekend due to rain and colder temperatures that would prevent temperature sensitive materials to cure properly.

The three westbound right lanes and three eastbound left lanes on I-40 will be closed for approximately one mile at milepost 159 to 160 from the Big I to Carlisle Boulevard. Traffic heading westbound on I-40 may still use the far left lanes, and eastbound traffic will be able to use the far right lanes, however; motorists should expect delays in this area. The speed limit in the work zone will be reduced to 55 mph.

Closures will also occur at the following locations:

- The eastbound I-40 on-ramp at University Boulevard will be closed.
- The westbound I-40 on-ramp at Carlisle will be closed.
- The I-25 northbound to I-40 eastbound ramp will be reduced from two lanes to one.

Digital message boards will be activated informing motorists of closures in the area noted above. NMDOT recommends use of alternate routes to ease congestion.

Lanes are scheduled to re-open by Monday, April 25, by 5 a.m. unless crews are able to complete the work early. Motorists should proceed through the work zone with caution and observe traffic control signs. For project-related traffic updates visit www.nmroads.com.

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