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AUI AND NMDOT TO CLOSE WESTBOUND I-40 LOUISIANA OFF-RAMP MAY 7, 2018 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE I-40 WESTBOUND ON & OFF RAMPS AT THE LOUISIANA INTERCHANGE

ALBUQUERQUE—The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and AUI will close the westbound I-40 off-ramp at Louisiana on May 7, 2018 for approximately 20 days as part of Phase 2-A of improvements to the I-40 Westbound on and off ramps at the Louisiana Interchange. The detour for traffic to exit I-40 westbound will be Exit 164 at Wyoming.

Also during Phase 2-A, the right westbound I-40 lane, the right lanes of Louisiana northbound at the interchange and the eastbound I-40 Louisiana off-ramp will have various lane closures.

Project officials said crews will be working 24 hours a day, seven days a week to complete work as quickly as possible and minimize the inconvenience to surrounding businesses as well as commuters. Motorists are encouraged to use extra caution in the construction zone.

Construction on the \$4.9 million project, which began March 7, 2018, includes:

- PCCP (Portland Cement Concrete Pavement) reconstruction of I-40 westbound on and off ramps at the interchange and Louisiana Boulevard
- ADA (Americans with Disabilities) improvements to ramps
- Compaction grout injections to reinforce bridges
- New overhead signs and foundations
- Curb and gutter

The project is expected to be completed in August 2018. Project information and updates are available at <u>www.nmroads.com</u>.

The project is being funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the New Mexico Department of Transportation. All construction is scheduled subject to change without notice and weather permitting.