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Press Release

Crack sealing on US 54 to begin this week in Otero County

The New Mexico Department of Transportation is scheduled to begin crack sealing work on US 54, mile post 0.0 (Texas State Line) north to mile post 52 in both the northbound and southbound lanes on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Work on this \$1.1 million portion of the \$1,616,986 project is expected to last three weeks.

The work will consist of preparing and cleaning cracks and joints in the existing pavement surface and sealing the cracks with hot-poured sealant. This rehabilitation work will extend the service life of the roadway by reducing water infiltration into the pavement layers. Other roads scheduled for crack sealing work that have been completed include portions of US60, US285, US70, and US380.

During the projects travelers can expect a one-lane closure and a reduction of the speed limits between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., seven days a week. Drivers are asked to watch for construction personnel working in the area, observe the temporary construction signing, and reduce speed to the posted speed limits.

Questions and comments may be directed to Jeffrey Anderson, NMDOT Project Manager, at (575) 637-7811.

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