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Press Release

NM13 Bridge Replacement Project Public Information Meeting Wednesday, June 6th

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) will be holding a public information meeting on Wednesday, June 6th at the Penasco School (junction of US82 and NM24 near Dunken) to discuss a bridge replacement project (CN 2100950) for the existing bridge on NM13 at Milepost 4.5 over Eagle Draw.

An Open House will be held from 5:30pm to 6:00pm, with a brief presentation to be given at 6:00pm. A question and answer session will follow.

The existing structure consists of a three span wood trestle bridge. It is proposed to replace this structure with a two span concrete bridge, using pre-fabricated deck panels and concrete girders.

The department is considering a complete closure of NM13 from Milepost 4.4 to 4.8 while the bridge is being replaced. This is due to several factors: the depth of the fill required for a detour, the large number of drainage pipes needed for the detour, the time to construct such a detour and the potential for flooding of the detour. The cost to construct a detour is estimated at over \$600,000.

Closing the road during the construction of the new bridge will save significant time and money. Through the use of pre-cast deck panels, it is anticipated that even more construction time will be saved. Other ways to keep the closure to an absolute minimum number of days will be highlighted during the presentation.

For up-to-date road construction information throughout the state, visit nmroads.com or call 511.

Anyone with questions or comments regarding this project may contact Tisha Clark, Project Development Engineer, at (575) 525-7350 or at <u>Tisha.Clark@state.nm.us</u>. Written comments may be e-mailed or mailed to: Tisha Clark, Project Development Engineer, South Region Design Center, New Mexico Department of Transportation, 750 North Solano Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

To request Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-related accommodations for this meeting, contact the District Two Office at (575) 637-7201 at least two days before the meeting.