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Traffic Advisory

U.S. 64 Taos Rio Grande Gorge Bridge Update

Taos - The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is in the final phase of construction of the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge on U.S. 64. Work on this project is located 20 miles east of Tres Piedras and approximately eight miles northwest of Taos, New Mexico.

Starting Monday night **July 9** and **July 10** – The Rio Grande Gorge Bridge on US 64 will be **CLOSED** at night in both directions from **10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.** for jacking operations and replacement of the bearings on the last piers. Motorists are urged to seek an alternate route during these times. The bridge will also be closed to pedestrian traffic.

First Responders will be allowed to cross the bridge during this time for emergency incidents.

The Rio Grande Gorge Bridge will be **re-opened** for nighttime travel on **July 11** and will be **open** during the day to two lane traffic. There will be a reduced speed of 25 mph in the work zone

The anticipated completion of this project is July 2012, weather permitting.

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.

For up-to-date information on this work, visit the NMDOT road advisory web site at, nmroads.com or call 511.

Questions can be directed to Rosanne Rodriguez, Public Information Officer for the New Mexico Department of Transportation District Five, at (505) 476-4205.

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