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Press Release

US 84/285 & North Tesuque Interchange (Exit 172) Bridge Work To Begin May 2

Santa Fe—The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) will start bridge rehabilitation work on US 84/285 and North Tesuque Interchange (Exit 172) north of Santa Fe near the Tesuque Village at mile post 171.6 on May 2, 2014. This work will include the removal and replacement of the bridge approach slabs, bridge sleeper slabs, transition slabs and roadway improvements at the interchange.

Starting Friday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m., the North Tesuque Interchange (Exit 172) will be **CLOSED**, and the US 84/285 northbound and southbound lanes will be reduced to one lane and be detoured through the off ramps and on ramps at this interchange. The cross-road at the North Tesuque Interchange will be closed during this time. The closures will remain in effect throughout the weekend. There will be an 18' width restriction. The North Tesuque Interchange (Exit 172) and US 84/285 northbound and southbound lanes will be **RE-OPENED** on Monday, May 5 at 6:00 a.m.

During the North Tesuque Interchange (Exit 172) closure, motorists can use Exit 175 (Camel Rock) for access to the west frontage road and Exit 168 (Tesuque) for access to CR 73.

On the following weekend, Friday, May 9 at 9:00 a.m., the North Tesuque Interchange (Exit 172) will once again be **CLOSED** to complete bridge rehabilitation work. The US 84/285 northbound and southbound lanes will be reduced to one lane and will be detoured through the off ramps and on ramps of US 84/285 and the North Tesuque Interchange (Exit 172); the cross-road at the interchange will be closed during this time. The closures will remain in effect throughout the weekend. There will be a 18' width restriction. The North Tesuque Interchange (Exit 172) and US 84/285 northbound and southbound lanes will be **RE-OPENED** on Monday, May 12 at 6:00 a.m.

Additional roadway work will take place on the \$842,075 bridge rehabilitation project utilizing one lane closures. This project is scheduled for completion in July of 2014. The Federal Highway Administration and NMDOT have partnered to fund the improvements. G Sandoval Construction, Inc. of Las Cruces is the contractor for this project.

Drivers are urged to proceed through the work zone with caution, observe traffic control signs and obey speed limits. Updates on this project will be posted on the New Mexico Department of Transportation's road conditions website, www.nmroads.com

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