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Traffic Report for week of July 20, 2014

White Sands Missile Range Notification

For information regarding closures you may call WSMR at 678-1178 or 678-2222 for updates.

- Traffic updates are posted on the NMDOT traffic advisory web-site at www.nmroads.com and can be retrieved through our automated system at 511 in New Mexico or 1-800-432-4269 from any line.

N. Main/US 70 Las Cruces

The NMDOT with G. Sandoval Construction has placed traffic control devices and concrete wall barriers along US 70 from Chestnut to just south of Solano Drive interchange. Motorists will encounter one lane restrictions for both east and westbound traffic, which is limited to 10 feet within the work zone. The contractor continues work along the median and on the inner lanes; speed limit is posted at 35 MPH.

Businesses along the corridor are open; please contact them for their hours of operation. Motorists may need to seek an alternate route, or make adjustments as their daily commute as travel time may increase due to heavy traffic on N. Main and other adjacent streets. Should an incident occur within the work zone and is not considered life threatening. Law enforcement is asking drivers to move their vehicles off onto a side road, or parking lot so that they can assess the situation in a controlled environment.

The City of Las Cruces will be making modifications to their bus route which can be found on their web at <http://www.las-cruces.org/Departments/Transportation/Services/RoadRUNNER%20Transit.aspx>

I-10/Mesquite & Vado Interchange

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District One office and El Terrero, the contractor has begun demolition of the old eastbound overpass. It will take approximately 6 months to complete full reconstruction of the bridge. The westbound demolition and reconstruction will follow once this portion of the bridge is complete.

Eastbound traffic is detoured onto the westbound lanes, where motorists will encounter lane restrictions for east and westbound traffic on I-10 from mile marker 150 to 155 (Vado exit). Motorists are encouraged to reduce speed and to proceed with caution during peak hours. Should an incident occur within the restricted area in which the concrete wall barrier is located, and is considered non-life threatening, law enforcement is requesting that drivers move their vehicles over to a safe location so that they can assist and assess the situation. This will allow the flow of traffic to continue safely.

All ramps will remain open during the demolition and reconstruction of the Mesquite Bridge. Motorists will be advised of the I-10 eastbound lane closure along with the bridge overpass. The public is encouraged to seek an alternate route as the bridge will remain closed until full reconstruction of the Mesquite overpass is complete.

I-25 Socorro & Sierra County

The NMDOT with Villalobos Construction continue with bridge rehabilitation work for two (2) separate bridges that cross over I-25. The Luis Lopez Bridge at NM-1 is now open between San Antonio and Socorro.

The next bridge will be the San Marcial/exit 125 Bridge (Socorro County) with the I-25/exit 79 bridge in T or C (Sierra County) to be completed. The work at each bridge is scheduled to take approximately 2 months. The bridges will be CLOSED in segments as work is being conducted. Detours will be posted as work progresses from one to bridge to another.

The contractor has constructed crossovers on I-25 where traffic will be switched over in order for work to be conducted on the bridge overpass. Motorists will be advised of lane and speed restrictions. Please proceed with caution.

I-25 Elephant Butte

The NMDOT and Mountain States Constructors continue with work along the west side of the southbound lanes of I-25. Motorists will be alerted of lane restrictions between mile marker 88 to 92 with the southbound lane width set at 13' 6". Project is scheduled to be complete by June 2015.

I-10/Avenida de Mesilla and NM-28 Las Cruces, NM

The District One office for the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) with La Calerita Construction continues construction at Avenida de Mesilla. The contractor has OPENED the westbound descending off ramp, and has **closed** the I-10 westbound on ramp at Avenida de Mesilla. All other ramps will remain open. Traffic will continue over the eastbound bridge until the westbound bridge is completely constructed.

Construction continues on Avenida de Mesilla with lane restrictions on NM-28/Avenida de Mesilla between Hickory Loop and Lakeside Drive, and on I-10 between Motel Boulevard and University Avenue. Motorists will be able to gain access to the City of Las Cruces and the Town of Mesilla at Motel Boulevard exit 139, or University Avenue exit 142 for both east and westbound I-10 traffic.

US 70 Las Cruces, NM

The NMDOT with Smith and Aguirre Construction continue with median work from the I-25/US 70 Interchange to Rinconada (exit 152). The contractor has placed concrete barriers structures as a method safety device within the inner lane. Motorists will continue to have 2 lanes of open traffic for both directions. The project working hours will be Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. until completion of September of 2014.

NM 51 East of Truth or Consequences, NM

NMDOT along with Meridian will continue work on a portion of NM-51 to improve the drainage channel by Ash Canyon. During working hours motorists may encounter minor delays, and are encouraged to adjust their schedule to accommodate their travels.

NM 159 Mogollon area

The NMDOT has completed their maintenance repair for this section of road from mile marker 10 to 13, which was damaged after our 2013 heavy rain fall. Motorists traveling this section of roadway must have a high clearance vehicle with 4-wheel drive capability. Trailers of any length are informed NOT to use this section of roadway as they will not clear the limitations.

NM 185 Las Cruces (North Valley)

The NMDOT Maintenance Section will continue with shoulder enhancements between mile marker 1.7 to 2.5, which will have lane restriction for north and southbound traffic. Motorists will be alerted to reduce speed within the work zone.

NM 136 Santa Teresa

The NMDOT will continue to assist law enforcement with traffic control during peak hours from 7:00 am until 12:00 pm (noon) at the Santa Teresa Port of Entry. Please anticipate delays should you need to access this area.

NM 90 Tyrone area

The NMDOT will be performing drainage repairs on the concrete box culvert, along with shoulder work. Motorists may encounter lane and speed restrictions within the work zone. Please proceed with caution.

Date Street/ Business Loop T or C, NM

The NMDOT with Sandoval Construction continue with ADA repair work along Date Street, which will have alerts posted throughout the work zone. The public is reminded to avoid entering restricted areas as heavy equipment will be moving in and out of traffic.

Las Cruces Projects – City of Las Cruces

Campo Street

From Arizona Avenue to Colorado Avenue will be closed to through traffic. Access to residents and business will be maintained. Motorists wanting to get to residents and businesses can do so by following the detours in place. Motorists will be asked to decrease speed through the construction zone and should proceed with caution. Motorists using this road as a through route only should seek alternate routes if available.

Elks Drive

From Hatfield Road to Moreno Road will have shoulder work and intermittent lane closures. Access to residents will be maintained. Motorists wanting to get to residents and can do so by following the detours in place. Motorists will be asked to decrease speed through the construction zone and should proceed with caution. Motorists using this road as a through route only should seek alternate routes if available.

Pine Trail

From Pineneedle Way to Pineneedle Bend will have shoulder work and potential lane closures. Access to residents will be maintained. Motorists wanting to get to residents can do so by following the detours in place. Motorists will be asked to decrease speed through the construction zone and should proceed with caution. Motorists using this road as a through route only should seek alternate routes if available.

Sonoma Ranch Blvd

From Monte Sombra to Thurmond Road will have shoulder work and potential lane closures. Access to residents will be maintained. Motorists wanting to get to residents can do so by following the detours in place. Motorists will be asked to decrease speed through the construction zone and should proceed with caution. Motorists using this road as a through route only should seek alternate routes if available.

Thurmond Road

From McGuffey Road to Sonoma Ranch Blvd will have shoulder work and potential lane closures. Access to residents will be maintained. Motorists wanting to get to residents can do so by following the detours in place. Motorists will be asked to decrease speed through the construction zone and should proceed with caution. Motorists using this road as a through route only should seek alternate routes if available.

Winton Court

From Winton Drive to the North End Cul-de-Sac will be closed to through traffic. Access to residents will be maintained. Motorists wanting to get to residents can do so by following the detours in place. Motorists will be asked to decrease speed through the construction zone and should proceed with caution. Motorists using this road as a through route only should seek alternate routes if available.

Water Street

From Court Avenue to Las Cruces Avenue will have shoulder work and potential lane closures. Access to residents and businesses will be maintained. Motorists wanting to get to residents and businesses can do so by following the detours in place. Motorists will be asked to decrease speed through the construction zone and should proceed with caution. Motorists using this road as a through route only should seek alternate routes if available.

PLEASE NOTE: Conditions are subject to change without notice. Double fines for speeding in work zones are in effect.

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