

RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange Reconstruction Project Plans Number of Closures & Realignments for Weekend of June 20-22, 2014

Drivers Should Be Alert for Major Traffic Switch during Monday Morning Commute June 23, 2014

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ALBUQUERQUE – The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has announced that a number of closures and realignments are planned beginning Friday, June 20 at 8 p.m. and lasting through Monday, June 23 at 5 a.m. so that crews can shift area of construction throughout the project. Specific major traffic impacts include:

- 1) From 8 p.m. Friday, June 20 through 5 a.m. Monday, June 23 Jefferson will be closed in both directions from south of Paseo Del Norte to El Pueblo so that crews can work on drainage at the Jefferson overpass. <u>Motorists should seek an alternate route.</u>
- 2) From 5 a.m. through 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, motorists using the northbound I-25 frontage road will <u>ONLY</u> be able to turn east on Paseo Del Norte so that crews can prepare a realignment of the intersection. <u>Northbound I-25 motorists exiting at Paseo Del Norte can make the turn to westbound Paseo Del Norte.</u>
- 3) From 9 p.m. Sunday, June 22 through 5 a.m. Monday, June 23, crews will split traffic on Paseo Del Norte between Jefferson and I-25, with westbound traffic shifted to the north and eastbound traffic shifted to the south so that they can begin work in the center of the roadway. Beginning Monday morning, June 23, motorists will be on a new alignment, so they should exercise caution, follow the posted speed limit, and pay attention to all construction signage.
- 4) Beginning 5 a.m. Monday, June 25, the northbound I-25 off-ramp to Paseo Del Norte will be placed onto a temporary off-ramp south of the existing off-ramp and the northbound I-25 frontage road at Paseo Del Norte will be shifted to the east with three lanes one left turn lane, one left turn/through lane and one right turn lane. Beginning Monday morning, June 23, motorists will use the new alignment to exit I-25 northbound to access Paseo Del Norte and will continue to merge with frontage road traffic, so they should exercise

caution, follow the posted speed limit, and pay attention to all construction signage.

Construction team officials said they would post signage and have barriers in place to reinforce the new alignments, but wanted everyone to be aware that the construction alignments commuters have been used to on Paseo Del Norte between Jefferson and I-25 as well as on I-25 northbound near Paseo Del Norte will look very different on Monday morning.

They recommend that motorists allow extra time to get to work and exercise caution in the construction zone until everyone becomes accustomed to the changes.

The Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange Reconstruction Project is a project of the New Mexico Department of Transportation in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County and in cooperation with the Mid-Region Council of Governments. Construction on the Project is expected to be completed in December 2014. Individuals can sign up for text/email updates by visiting www.paseoi25.com. All construction for the Project is subject to change without notice and weather permitting.

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