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Traffic Report for week of October 26, 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 have extended their traffic control devices and concrete wall barriers along US 70 from north of Gallagher to the Madrid Street interchange. Motorists will continue to 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 westbound shoulder with speed limit posted at 35 MPH.

Businesses along the corridor are **open**, please contact them for their hours of operation. 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 continue with construction of the I-10 overpass bridge at the Mesquite exit. The eastbound on and off ramps (mile marker 151) remain **CLOSED**, and are scheduled to be opened by the week ending November 7th. Motorists will now be switched over to the eastbound lanes, where lane restrictions will still remain at 11 feet between mile marker 150-155 (Vado exit) until the reconstruction of the Mesquite bridge is complete. Westbound traffic will not be switched until Monday October 27th as the contractor begins the demolition of the bridge overpass in order to complete the bridge reconstruction at Mesquite.

The public is encouraged to seek an alternate route as the bridge will remain closed until full reconstruction of the Mesquite overpass is complete. 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.

I-25 Socorro & Sierra County

The NMDOT with Villalobos Construction continue with bridge rehabilitation work that cross over I-25. Currently the contractor is working at the Elephant Butte Bridge (exit 79) on the north side of Truth or Consequences. Traffic will encounter lane and width restriction as they cross this work zone on I-25 between mile markers 80 to 78. The scope of the project will consist of bridge rehabilitation; by replacing existing concrete deck, approach slabs, metal barrier, repair existing abutments, piers and wing walls.

Motorists will be directed to use exit 75 south interchange for T or C, or exit 83 Hot Springs/Elephant Butte during construction. The public will have access to the northbound off ramp as it will remain open; however, the southbound off ramp will be closed throughout the duration of the project. This project is scheduled to for 80 days, which may fluctuate depending on inclement weather.

I-25 9 miles North of Truth or Consequences

The NMDOT and Mountain States Constructors have shifted traffic the north and southbound lanes where motorists will travel on the newly constructed bridge for north and southbound movement. Traffic will continue be restrict to 12.5 foot width restrictions between mile markers 88 to 92 as concrete wall barriers are placed. The contractor is currently removed the existing bridge which requires the northbound OFF ramp to be CLOSED at exit 92 due to reconstruction of the northbound lanes, please follow traffic control signage within the work zone.

Project is scheduled to be complete by June 2015. Reduce speed and proceed with extreme caution as you travel through this area.

I-25 36 miles North of Truth or Consequences

The NMDOT with Fisher Sand & Gravel will continue with their mill and inlay along a portion of I-25 between T or C and Socorro, NM. The contractor will have lane and speed restrictions posted within the work zone as they work throughout the weekend with their paving operations. Please use extreme caution as uneven paving surfaces may be present during the overnight hours.

NM 460 Anthony, NM

NMDOT and Smith and Aguirre are working on installing a storm culvert drain pipe under NM 460 from Miller Street to Landers Drive. The contractor will construct a pond beside the Community Development Center, along with mill and inlay from New Mexico/Texas state line to O'Harra Road/NM 460. The project will also have new ADA compliant features such as sidewalks with landing and turnouts along NM 460.

NM 549 Deming, NM

NMDOT is currently resurfacing a portion of NM 549 between mile markers 23 to 25 so this section of roadway is closed as the contractor continues work along this section of roadway.

Las Cruces Projects – City of Las Cruces

Alameda Blvd

From Ethel Avenue to W. Chestnut Avenue will have shoulder work. Access to residents and businesses will be maintained. 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.

El Paseo Road

From Montana Avenue to Farney Drive will have intermittent inside and outside lane closures. Access to businesses will be maintained. 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.

Motel Blvd.

From Maese Lane to Picacho Middle School will have shoulder work. Access to residents and businesses will be maintained. 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.

Phillips Drive

From Highland Avenue to Alameda Blvd will be closed to through traffic. Access to residents and businesses will be maintained from adjacent streets. Motorists wanting to get to residents and businesses can do so by following the detours in place. 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.

Walnut Street

From Nevada Avenue to Lester 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.

Wyatt Street

From El Paseo Road to Arizona Avenue will be closed to through traffic. Access to residents and businesses will be maintained from adjacent streets. Motorists wanting to get to residents and businesses can do so by following the detours in place. 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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