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Press Release

I-25/Missouri Bridge Change in Traffic Control

Las Cruces – The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District One office along with FNF Construction will be making changes to the current traffic control plan for the project on I-25 between Lohman Avenue (exit 3) and University Avenue (exit 1).

With graduation commencements scheduled for Saturday May 9, New Mexico State University coordinated with law enforcement, the NMDOT and FNF Construction to assist with traffic control due to the ongoing project for the I-25/Missouri Bridge. The NMDOT and FNF will have the following closures in place:

- I-25 southbound on ramp at Lohman Avenue (exit 3) will be closed on May 9th from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm. The I-25 southbound off ramp for University Avenue exit will be open; however, motorists will encounter delays due to construction and restrictions currently in place. Alternate routes are suggested.
- I-25 northbound on ramp at University Avenue (exit 1) will be closed on May 9th from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. This closure is needed as a single lane restriction is in place on I-25 for northbound traffic that is related to the active work zone. Alternate routes are suggested through inter-city routes that will provide direct access.

Motorists will have full access to University Avenue from I-10 exit 142, Triviz Drive, Don Roser and Telshor Blvd. The public is reminded to proceed with extreme caution as traffic increases within city streets and on the interstate. In addition, please be aware of pedestrians crossing near the University area during commencements.

The NMDOT and FNF Construction have had the I-25 on ramp to University Avenue (exit 1) closed Monday through Friday from 6:00 am until 9:00 am since the project started. However, after a review of the project, the NMDOT and FNF will remove the closure effective Monday May 11 and will gather information to determine if the closure will need to be reinstalled. The NMDOT will continue to monitor traffic control and make any necessary changes to secure the safety of the public as the project progresses.

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