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Press Release

US 285 Safety Upgrade in Chaves County

Roswell - The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Two will make a safety upgrade to the intersection of US 285 and Hobson Road in Chaves County this winter.

NMDOT District Two will extend the northbound turning lane (also known as auxiliary lane) on US 285 to Hobson Road West. The dedicated extended left-turn for northbound traffic of US 285 will improve mobility access to Hobson Road West from US 285 to the Roswell International Air Center.

The work is being done in the interest of safety for the traveling public as well as those traveling to the Roswell International Air Center. The extended auxiliary lane will provide drivers with an opportunity to slow down in a space not used by high-speed through traffic.

“We are committed to establishing effective partnerships with the City of Roswell and Chaves County to improve safety and access to the Roswell International Air Center,” District Two Engineer Tim Parker said. “It’s an indicator of deep commitment to the safety of the community and reduce the chance of accidents that might occur traveling to the Roswell Industrial Air Center as our region continues to grow.”

The road work is being done by NMDOT maintenance forces. The project is expected to be complete this winter.

Acceleration/deceleration lanes (also known as speed-change lanes or auxiliary lanes) provide drivers with an opportunity to speed up or slow down in a space not used by high-speed through traffic.

For up-to-date information on this project, go to the statewide road information website at: nmroads.com.

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