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Press Release

## **Chip Seal Operations Begin on U.S. 380 in Chaves and Lea Counties**

**Tatum** – The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Two maintenance section will begin a project to chip seal various pavement sections along U.S. 380 from mile markers 157 east of Roswell to mile marker 229 east of Tatum.

The chip seal crew will begin work next week along U.S. 380. Work is expected to take approximately month to complete, weather permitting.

Drivers will encounter flaggers where work is being performed, as well as brief, intermittent lane closures. The work zone will be limited to 5-mile sections, but the closures may move during the day.

A reduced speed limit of 45 miles per hour is in effect for this project. Message boards will be in place to warn of upcoming work. Motorists are reminded that state law requires them to obey any warning signs or flaggers in the work zone. Law enforcement could be increased in the work zone as well.

Chip seal is a surface treatment on the pavement in an effort to preserve the life of the pavement surface by sealing out moisture, which can cause damage to pavement.

For up-to-date information on this project, go to the statewide road information website at: [nmroads.com](http://nmroads.com).

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