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## **Reconstruction of I-40 West of Albuquerque Begins Monday**

**Albuquerque** – The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Three Office and contractor Mountain States Constructors will begin a reconstruction project of Interstate 40 both directions from mile marker 140 to 146 this Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The project has a mandatory completion date of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The \$12.48 Million project from approximately the Rio Puerco east for 6 miles will consist of roadway reconstruction, truck climbing lane extension, metal barrier, erosion control, permanent signing and other miscellaneous construction.

Construction crews will begin placing concrete wall barrier and reduce I-40 westbound to one lane. Upon completion of barrier wall placement, eastbound traffic will be shifted onto and share the westbound side while the I-40 eastbound roadway is reconstructed. Eastbound traffic will remain two lanes throughout the project. When I-40 eastbound is completed the process will be reversed.

Motorists are advised to access and utilize the westbound frontage road from the Atrisco Vista Interchange during periods of increased traffic created by special events at the entertainment venue located at exit 140.

For more information, visit [NMROADS.com](http://NMROADS.com), call 511 or contact NMDOT District 3 PIO, Phil Gallegos at 505-798-6645.