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Press Release

## **Bridge Rehabilitation Work at I-25 & St. Francis Interchange in Santa Fe to Impact Commuters and Tourists**

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) today announced that a \$6.1 million investment to improve I-25 St. Francis Interchange will begin this month in Santa Fe County. The work is scheduled to be complete late summer 2012. The bridge rehabilitation work will require a full closure of the I-25 northbound off-ramp to U.S. 285/St. Francis Drive for 55 days.

The \$6.1 million project will include rehabilitative work on four bridges on I-25 and one bridge on the northbound I-25 off-ramp to northbound St. Francis Drive located in Santa Fe. The work will consist of the replacement of concrete decks and bridge railings, repairing the abutments, piers and wingwalls, build new approach slabs and pavement rehabilitation on the northbound I-25 off-ramp to northbound St. Francis Drive.

Preliminary work on the rehabilitation of the I-25/St. Francis off-ramp began the month of March as construction crews placed bridge netting, set up temporary reduce speed signs and message boards

Drivers are asked to watch for construction personnel working the area, observe temporary construction signing, and reduce speed to the posted speed limits.

NMDOT has worked closely with the public and the city of Santa Fe on the project design and planned detour. The new bridge will improve safety and prolong the life of the bridge.

Questions can be directed to Rosanne Rodriguez, Public Information Officer for the New Mexico Department of Transportation District Five, at (505) 476-4205.

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