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Press Release

Update for Interstate 40 Lane Closures Impacted by Flooding

Milan, NM – Interstate 40 will remain reduced to one lane in both directions about 20 miles west of Albuquerque, at To'hajiilee until Friday, September 27, 2013, pending weather.

On Friday, September 13, 2013, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) discovered an area surrounding a median drop inlet had succumbed to flooding and eroded, causing the inlet to fail. Immediately, NMDOT secured Interstate 40 by placing concrete wall barrier on the shoulder, between traffic and the erosion area. Throughout the weekend, NMDOT began excavating the eroded area to drain water, prevent further erosion and prepare the hole for shoring to protect workers who will be repairing the damaged drop inlet.

Shoring materials and equipment are expected to arrive today and crews will begin installation work immediately. Once shoring is installed, repairs will be made to the drop inlet.

“Although this might cause minor delays along this major thoroughfare, I believe the safety of the travelers and our workers is of the utmost importance,” said Anthony Lujan, Deputy Secretary of Operations, NMDOT.

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