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Bridge rehabilitation work begins in 2022 on south side of U.S. 550 *From Sheriff's Posse Road to east of Rio Grande Bridge*

BERNALILLO- The New Mexico Department of Transportation in conjunction with FNF Construction will begin a 7 month-long bridge rehabilitation project Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 on the southern half of the bridge over the Rio Grande. Work should wrap up at the end of July 2022.

"The department acknowledges reconstruction work just wrapped up on US 550 and many drivers want to know why this bridge rehabilitation project is taking place on the heels of the last project or why the work couldn't have been done simultaneously," said Transportation Secretary Mike Sandoval. "The answer is, during the previous project crews discovered the need to rehabilitate a portion of the bridge but the finding was unexpected and did not fit into the scope of work. We realize this will once again impact travel on US 550, but safety is a priority, and we need to make sure the bridge is safe for the traveling public."

In addition, the work is being scheduled now because flows are at their lowest, and the timing will also minimize the impacts to migratory birds and animals who use the bridge during warmer summer months.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

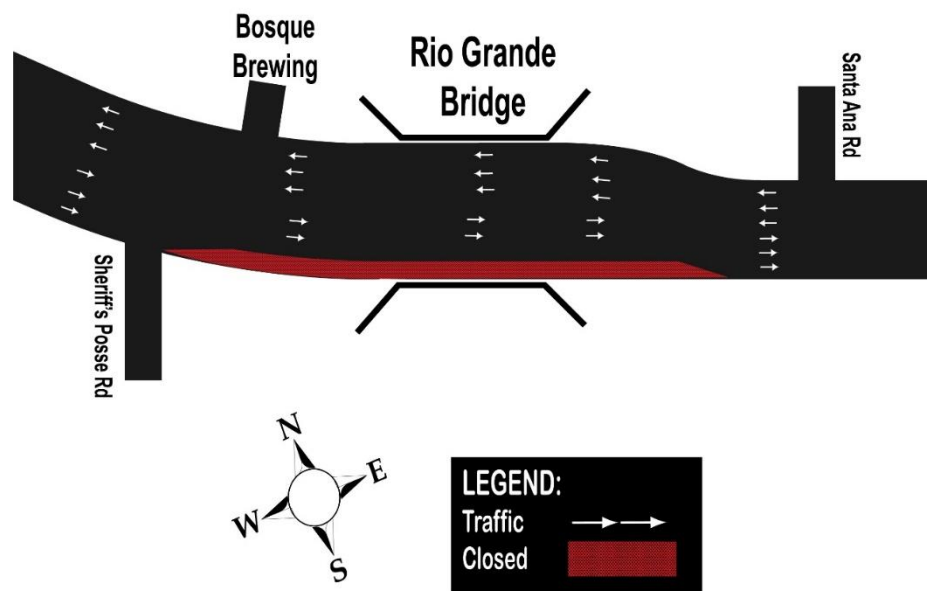
During construction, the far right-hand lane (farthest lane south) will be closed from east of Sheriff's Posse Road to east of the Rio Grande Bridge. Access will be maintained to all residences and businesses.

Two lanes of traffic will remain open on eastbound U.S. 550, but motorists traveling in this corridor, particularly during weekday morning rush hours, should expect delays.

REGULAR WORK HOURS: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. although crews may work longer hours or weekends if needed.

Questions, Concerns: Visit

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NOTE: All work is scheduled weather permitting and is subject to change without notice.

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