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NMDOT supports governor's order to shutdown access to Gallup by providing detailed traffic control plan

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Transportation has mobilized roadblocks to restrict traffic coming into Gallup in order to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the area. Gallup is located in McKinley County which now leads New Mexico in COVID-19 cases.

McKinley County includes a corner of the main part of the Navajo Nation, which has been hit hard by the pandemic. Gallup is a regional shopping destination, including for many reservation residents. The roadblocks are in place to restrict the influx of people coming into the city to shop.

The state transportation department has set up the following checkpoints at multiple points of entry into Gallup. State Police and the Army National Guard will be manning the checkpoints. Motorists should expect to stop at these locations. Signs will be posted at least a half mile out, warning drivers of checkpoints ahead.

- I-40 Exit 20 eastbound
- I-40 Exit 20 westbound
- I-40 Exit 22 eastbound
- I-40 Exit 22 westbound
- NM-118, milepost 25.7 westbound
- NM-118 eastbound at Hampton Inn
- NM-602 milepost 27.5 northbound
- US-491 southbound @ South Chino Loop
- Hassler Valley Road at the intersection north of I-40
- Rehoboth Drive and Churchrock Street
- Sanostee Drive @Sweetwater Place

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