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**Work Zone Safety Awareness Week April 20-24th
*Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Otero, De Baca, Roosevelt, Curry, Torrance &
Guadalupe Counties***

ROSWELL – In recognition of National Work Zone Safety Week, the New Mexico Department of Transportation District Two wants to remind motorists in Southeastern New Mexico to use caution when traveling through work zones. This year National Work Zone Safety Week is being observed April 20-24, 2020.

Work zones can be dangerous for motorists as well as highway crews working to improve New Mexico's highways. This year's theme is, "**Safe roads for all. Protect workers. Protect road users. We can do it!**" The theme provided by the American Association of State Highway Transportation officials (AASHTO) is a national campaign conducted every year at the start of the construction season to attract national attention to drive carefully through highway construction and maintenance repair sites.

"The safety of the traveling public, Department of Transportation and Contractor employees is our number one priority," said Bruce Ellis District Two State Transportation Commissioner. "We want to encourage all motorists to use extra caution when traveling through a work zone for their safety and for the safety of construction workers."

The New Mexico Department of Transportation District Two serves ten counties, incorporating approximately 7,651 lane miles of state highway, and 530 bridge structures, with more than thirty construction and maintenance activities underway at any given time during the spring, summer, and fall.

"With so much construction it's important that we raise awareness and give people the knowledge that they can help keep our work zones, and themselves, safe by driving to protect one another!" said Tim Parker District Two Engineer.

For a list of work zones visit the NMDOT road advisory web site at <http://nmroads.com/>.

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