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I-25 Rio Bravo Interchange Nearing Completion.

ALBUQUERQUE, — The New Mexico Department of Transportation is pleased to announce, the I-25 Rio Bravo Interchange Project is nearing completion. In celebration and recognition of the tremendous effort and collaborative support, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Friday morning at 10 a.m. at the new interchange.

Construction on New Mexico's first Offset Single Point Interchange began in August of 2017. About 100 people were employed on the project. The Interchange is designed to reduce congestion and improve traffic safety, especially for New Mexican's commuting from Albuquerque's Westside and the South Valley.

Eighty percent of the nearly \$55 million project is funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The remaining funds come from the state. The entire project should be finished on schedule in August and come in under budget.

"This project is not only about improving travel now, but also for the future. With the continued growth in the area, the new interchange is built to handle both auto and truck traffic for decades to come." Said Michael Sandoval Cabinet Secretary for NMDOT. "We appreciate the patience of residents, business owners and commuters affected every day for the past two years by this project." Adds Sandoval.

I-25 Rio Bravo Benefits:

- More traffic capacity. I-25 was increased from four to six lanes at the interchange.
- Three new signalized intersections along Rio Bravo from I-25 to Del Rio
- Improved safety through six new bridges and enhanced entrance and exit ramps.
- A new multiuse path for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The aesthetic design on the bridges and walls reflects the uniqueness of the South Valley including representations of the West Mesa, volcanos, migratory birds and the Albuquerque International Sunport. Blue ribbons weave throughout the design to represent New Mexico's panoramic skies.

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