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**Press Release**

## **Southbound Traffic To Use New Frontage Road in Arroyo Seco**

**Santa Fe** – Starting March 8, southbound traffic on US 84/285 in the Arroyo Seco area will be detoured to the newly built west frontage road for approximately six months, according to District Five of the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

The two lane detour will start immediately south of Jct. NM 399/US 84/285 for about two miles. Those traveling northbound needing access to west side driveways or businesses will need to U-turn at the signal of Jct. NM 399/US 84/285. Those traveling southbound needing access to the northbound US 84/285 lanes, will need to U-turn at Camino Arroyo Seco or CR 88.

The speed limit through this two mile stretch will be reduced to 35 mph to allow for safe access to west side driveways. Motorists are reminded to obey all construction signage and to be patient while traveling through the work zone. This detour will be in place while crews reconstruct the mainline of US 84/285 as part of the roadway reconstruction of the Pojoaque to Espanola corridor.

The four projects occurring simultaneously on US 84/285 include: the intersection improvements project at Jct. NM 399/106; the one mile roadway rehabilitation project from Jct. NM 399/106 north towards the City of Espanola; the two mile roadway reconstruction project which includes frontage roads between Arroyo Seco and Jct. NM 399/106; and to begin in the spring, the two mile roadway reconstruction between Pojoaque Pueblo and Arroyo Seco, all of which will neatly tie into each other when all construction is complete, which will be at various times in 2010 and early 2011. Together, they are estimated to cost approximately \$42 million with two projects funded by the American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (ARRA) stimulus monies.

All work schedules are subject to change. For more information, contact Karyn Lujan, PIO, District Five NMDOT, at 827-9567; for up to date traffic advisories visit [www.nmroads.com](http://www.nmroads.com) and click on the road work icon on the left.

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