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TAOS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS MONDAY

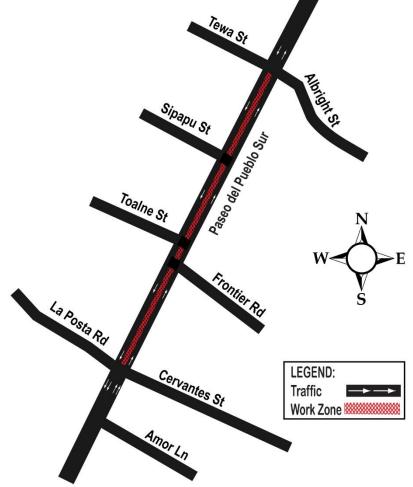
<u>March 16, 2020 on NM 68-US 64</u> <u>Roadway Project – Paseo Del Pueblo in Taos</u>

Construction begins Monday, March 16, 2020 on the NM 68-US 64 Roadway Project on Paseo Del Pueblo from La Posta Road north to Camino de la Placita in Taos. Construction on the project is

expected to last until late 2021. The \$21.9 million project is

designed to correct physical and geometric deficiencies, reduce congestion, and add new ADA ramps and sidewalks for pedestrian access to improve safety and mobility along the NM 68/US 64 highway, also known as Paseo Del Pueblo.

"The Taos area is a very unique and special place. It is a sought after destination for many travelers and a cherished place to live, work and play. NM-68/US-64 deserves some much needed attention. The end result will provide a safe, reliable route for all." Said NMDOT Secretary Mike Sandoval.



This highway is the principal north-south route through Taos, providing access to several destinations including the Taos Plaza, Taos Historic District and Taos Pueblo.

The project will be built in four (4) phases. Phase 1 of construction is scheduled to last from March 16, 2020 to late May 2020 (weather permitting and if no unforeseen circumstances occur). This phase includes reconstruction of Camino del Pueblo Sur from the La Posta Road/Cervantes Street Intersection to the Tewa Street/Albright Street intersection.

Initially, crews will be working in the center lanes of NM 68/Paseo Del Pueblo with the median closed. At least one lane of traffic will be open in each direction (north and south) in the outside lanes. Initially, left-hand turns will be permitted at all intersections.

Regular work hours are Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-5 p.m. although crews may work longer hours or on weekends if needed.

Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians traveling in the construction zone are encouraged to expect delays and give themselves extra time to reach their destinations during construction.

For more information or to sign up for free email updates, please visit the project website, www.taosnm6864.com. Information is also available at www.nmroads.com.

Individuals with questions or concerns can send them through the project website or contact Patti Watson at 1-800-687-3417, (505) 269-9691 or pattiw@cwastrategic.com