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## **NORTHBOUND COORS BOULEVARD SHIFTS OVER OURAY ROAD**

### **EASTBOUND QUAIL TO NORTHBOUND COORS TRAFFIC WILL BE DETOURED**

Albuquerque, N.M. – Northbound Coors Boulevard between Interstate 40 and Quail Road will shift east onto a new overpass on the night of Monday, Oct. 17.

The overpass, which is in its first phase of construction, will carry Coors Boulevard traffic over Ouray Road.

The traffic shift – part of the ongoing GRIP I-40/Coors Project – will be completed by the Tuesday, Oct. 18, morning commute.

To complete the traffic shift, the following road closures will be in effect:

- From 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, to 6 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, there will be various lane closures at northbound Coors Boulevard between I-40 and Quail Road.
- From 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, to 6 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, westbound I-40 between Rio Grande Boulevard and Coors Boulevard will be closed. The off-ramps to Coors Boulevard also will be closed. Detour: During this closure, drivers should exit I-40 at Rio Grande Boulevard, travel south to Central Avenue, west on Central Avenue to Unser Boulevard north back to I-40.

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 18, drivers traveling east on Quail Road will be restricted from turning onto northbound Coors Boulevard. This closure, which will be in effect through summer 2006, is necessary for the construction of the overpass. During this closure, motorists should travel north on 57th Street/Atrisco Drive to St. Joseph's Drive east back to northbound Coors Boulevard.

Southbound Coors Boulevard between Quail Road and I-40 will shift onto the new overpass by the end of October. The traffic shift will allow construction to begin on the second phase of the Coors overpass and on Ouray Road. The new overpass will provide improved access to neighborhoods, recreational trails and shopping centers on Ouray Road.

The I-40/Coors Project is part of Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership (GRIP), a \$1.6 billion economic-stimulus package aimed at improving New Mexico highways while creating local jobs.

*Video and photo opportunities are available. Please contact Marissa Stone, GRIP PIO, at 505-490-0492.*