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CONSTRUCTION SET TO START ON U.S. 50

BENT/PROWERS COUNTIES – The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) starts a road improvement project on U.S. 50 in the Hasty area this week.

The work zone begins east of Hasty, continuing to just east of Wiley Junction/U.S. 287 (mile 415-428).

Project hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Flaggers will alternate one lane of traffic through the work area, with delays up to 15 minutes. A reduced 40 mph speed limit also will be in effect.

Work involves removing the current asphalt, recycling it and repaving the lower half of the roadway with the recycled material. The top surface then will be paved with new asphalt. Other aspects of the project include new guard and bridge rails, seeding, mulching, signing and striping.

New expansion joints will be installed on bridges crossing a draw and at Limestone and Graveyard Creeks. Some settlement behind the abutments also will be repaired at the River View Canal Bridge.

CDOT also is removing six damaged trees and replacing them with new trees along U.S. 50 in Las Animas.

A & S Construction Company of Cañon City, CO. is the contractor for the \$3.9 million project. It is scheduled for completion in early October 2005.

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