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BRIDGE PROJECT SET TO START IN SE COLORADO

OTERO/PROWERS COUNTIES – A Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) project that will repair or partially replace highway bridges near Manzanola, Lamar and La Junta is scheduled to begin next week.

Work consists of repairing and/or replacing damaged sections on three structures, including removing portions of the current bridges and installing temporary supports, constructing a new road surface and asphalt paving, installing new expansion and bearing devices and new bridge rails and striping.

Work hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The maximum vehicle width through each work zone is 14 feet. A reduced speed limit also will be in place (see below):

- U.S. 50 – at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad overpass, approximately one mile east of Manzanola (mile 361). Late March through early May. Traffic reduced on one lane in each direction. Speed limit: 45 mph.
- U.S 50/U.S 287 – at the Arkansas River, just north of Lamar (mile 434.1). Early April through late June. Traffic reduced to one lane in each direction. Speed limit: 30 mph.
- State Highway 109 – at Arkansas River/U.S. 50/BNSF RR, just north of La Junta (mile 56). Early May through late July. Traffic signal will alternate one lane of traffic 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Speed limit: 25 mph.

Drivers should anticipate delays up to 10 minutes through each project zone during detour set-up and paving operations.

CDOT will send out advisories on an as-needed basis, with updates on the project schedule, anticipated traffic impacts and other information.

Flatiron Constructors, Inc. of Longmont, CO. is the contractor for the \$1.6 million project.

Traffic information about this or other CDOT projects is on the *cotrip.org* website or by calling 511 statewide, (303) 639-1111 in the Denver area or (877)315-ROAD elsewhere in Colorado.

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