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Department of Transportation Installing Barrier System along I-25 between Algodones and La Bajada

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Transportation is installing a high-tension wire rope barrier system in the median along Interstate 25 between Algodones and La Bajada to prevent any potential head-on crashes and enhance safety. The \$1.17 million project that includes a 14-mile stretch is nearly complete, aside from some remedial work and repair training for maintenance crews.

“This new barrier system will greatly enhance safety along this stretch of the highway by preventing any potential crashes caused by vehicles crossing the median,” said Transportation Secretary Gary L. J. Girón. “The barrier system will work by containing and redirecting any errant vehicles. While this system is not a cure for eliminating all accidents, it should significantly reduce them.”

The new barrier system will help prevent head-on collisions from traffic that crosses over the median as well as minimize injuries from accidents that do occur by absorbing a majority of the energy from the impact. This barrier will also prevent motorists from making U-turns or crossing the median into the on-coming traffic.

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