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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Transportation Secretary Designate Girón Announces  
Work to Begin on N.M. 599 Rail Runner Express Station**

SANTA FE – Transportation Secretary Designate Gary Girón today announced that work is set to begin on the N.M. 599 Rail Runner Express Station starting Monday, January 26.

“With just a month of service under our belts here in Santa Fe, we have seen a tremendous demand and overwhelming numbers choosing to take the train over commuting,” said Transportation Secretary Designate Girón. “Additionally, we are excited to expand this service to the citizens of South Santa Fe and Santa Fe County, who have been eagerly waiting for this station.”

The station will be located at Interstate 25 and N.M. 599 and will include a parking area of approximately 250 spaces and will become a hub for intermodal connections such as Park and Ride and Santa Fe Trails busses. The station platform will be located in the median of I-25 with a pedestrian overpass from the parking lot to the platform being constructed over the northbound lanes.

“The proximity of the N.M. 599 station is really going to make this station a valuable transportation alternative for northern commuters,” said Lawrence Rael, Executive Director for the Mid-Region Council of Governments. “Many residents living in areas north of Santa Fe such as Los Alamos, Taos, and Espanola, will greatly benefit from

having such a direct connection to the New Mexico Rail Runner Express. It's very exciting to see the work beginning on this station.”

Beginning on Monday, January 26 motorists can expect to see intermittent lane drops on both northbound and southbound Interstate 25 between the La Cienega Exit and N.M 599 interchange. Lane drops are scheduled for the southbound lanes of I-25 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., and northbound lanes between 9 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. All lanes will reopen during evening peak hours to accommodate rush hour traffic.

Additionally, exit 276-A to southbound N.M. 599 and N.M. 14 is scheduled to close starting in early February. Traffic will be detoured to the La Cienega Exit and will follow additional detour signage along the East Frontage Road. This detour will be in place for approximately six weeks. In March, crews are scheduled to close the N.M. 599 loop ramp. Access to northbound and southbound N.M. 599 will be maintained by using the northbound offramp.

Construction will consist of reconstructing the N.M. 599 interchange to include both northbound and southbound access through a diamond configuration. In addition a new northbound onramp will be constructed and the old onramp will be used for access to the station parking lot. Work is expected to be completed by early summer.

Up-to-date traffic information will be listed on [www.nmroads.com](http://www.nmroads.com) and by calling 511.

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