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**Projects Scheduled to Improve the Rest Areas in Lordsburg and Las Cruces**  
*\$1M In Improvements Will Begin on June 3, Sites Will Be Closed During Projects*

LAS CRUCES/LORDSBURG - The New Mexico Department of Transportation District One office will invest approximately \$1M in two rest areas, the Lordsburg Welcome Center and Rest Area and the Las Cruces Scenic View Rest Area. The sites will be closed during the improvement projects.

“Investing in rest area improvements contributes to the overall maintenance and enhancement of transportation infrastructure, ensuring its longevity and functionality,” said District Engineer, Aaron Chavarria. He continued, “Overall, improving New Mexico's roadside rest areas can have wide-ranging positive impacts on both travelers and the state's economy.”

**Lordsburg, Welcome Center & Rest Area** - This site will receive approximately \$995,000 in upgrades to the main building, landscaping, and restrooms. It will be closed for about three months.

**Las Cruces, Scenic View Rest Area** - This site will receive approximately \$7k in upgrades to the water system. It is expected to be closed for about 7 days.

Improving roadside rest areas provides a safe space for drivers to take breaks, reducing the likelihood of accidents caused by fatigue. Upgraded facilities offer travelers a more pleasant experience during their journeys, enhancing overall comfort and satisfaction.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation is committed to the safety of the traveling public and thanks you for your cooperation during this work. For updated information go to: New Mexico Department of Transportation at [www.nmroads.com](http://www.nmroads.com) or call 511.

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