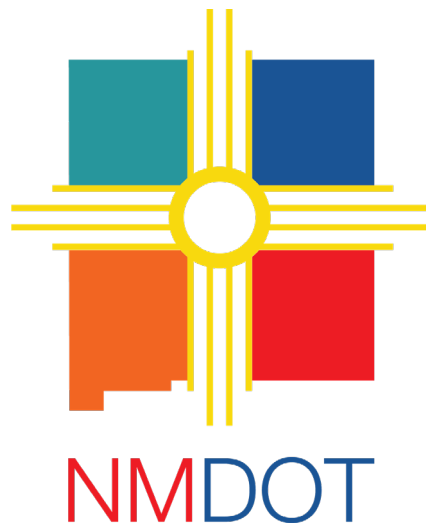




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Project to Replace Two Bridges on U.S. Highway 60

near Abo in Torrance County

Public Presentation November 2025

Control Number 5101880

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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)



Project Bridge Location Overview



Individual Bridge Locations

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Located in Torrance County near the Abo Ruins and San Lorenzo Mission in Torrance County, New Mexico
- Project Limits:
 - **Bridge No. 5734**
(Milepost 193.7 to 194.7)
 - **Bridge No. 5735**
(Milepost 197.01 to 197.76)

WHAT'S THERE NOW?

Bridges No. 5734 and No. 5735

Existing Condition Overview

- Pre-cast concrete structures
- Built in 1957

Geometry

- Two 12-ft travel lanes
- Two 2-ft shoulders

Condition & Safety

- Protective metal railing does not meet current barrier requirements
- Superstructure: Fair condition
- Deck: cracks, efflorescence, and patches



Bridges 5734 and 5735

WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED

- To enhance safety, maintain long-term access, and meet current engineering standards.
- **Why This Project is Needed:**
 - Bridges built in 1957 and are showing signs of wear due to age and use
 - Upgrading them will help improve safety, reliability, and reduce future maintenance



WHAT'S CHANGING?

Proposed Condition Overview

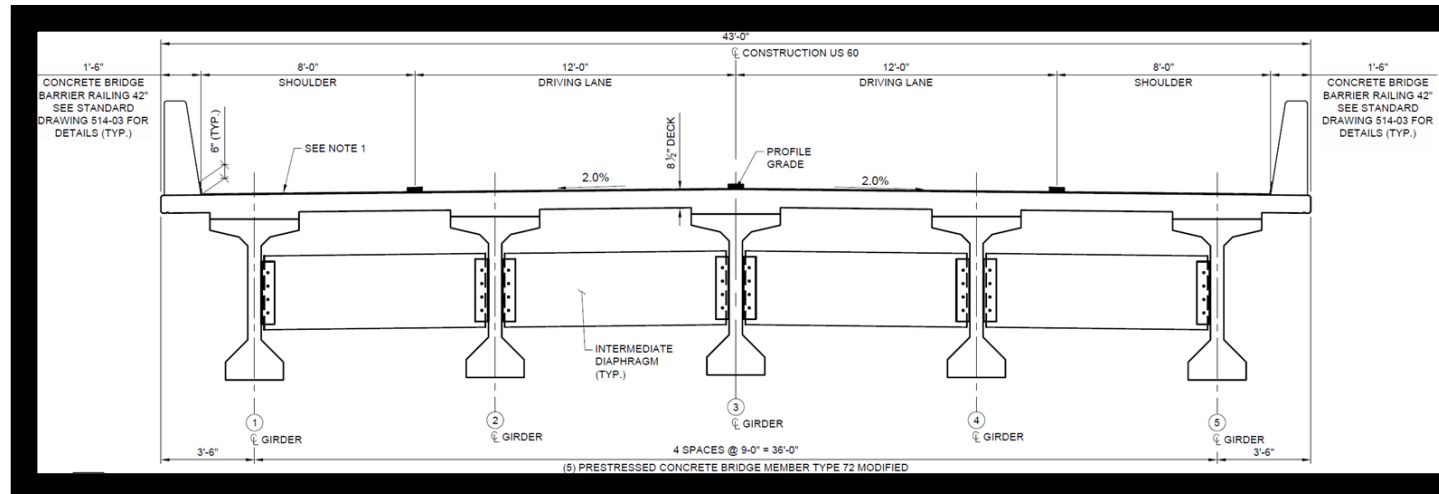
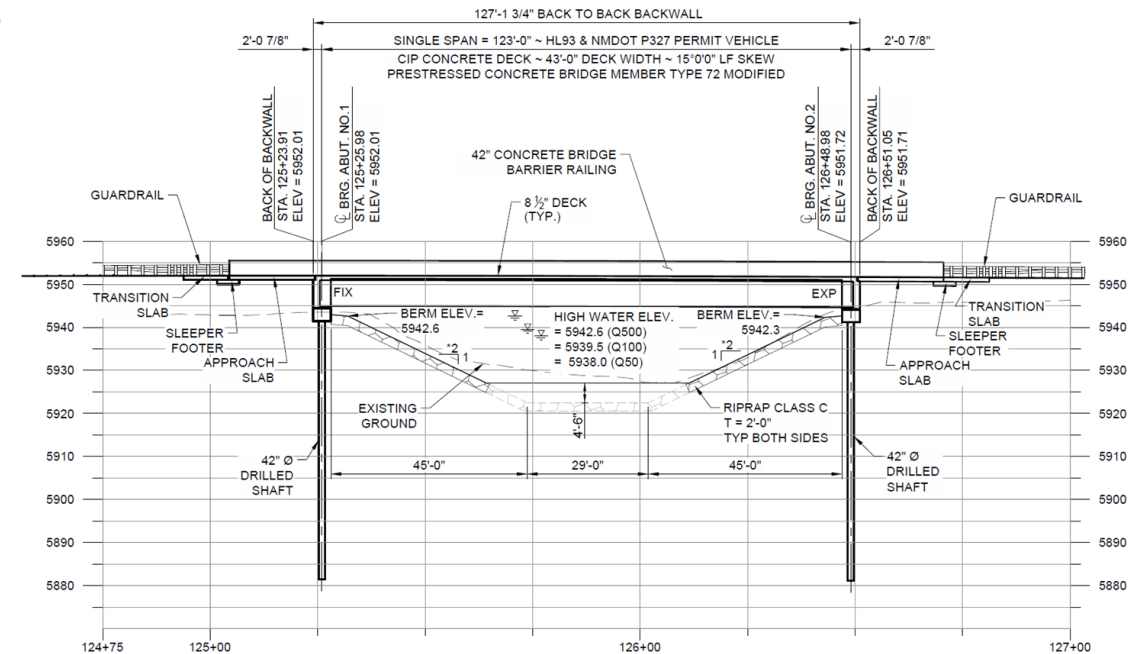
- Replace modern three-span, prestressed concrete girder design
- Construct on an offset alignment with a horizontal curve

Geometry

- Two 12-ft travel lanes
- Two 8-ft shoulders

Condition & Safety

- Add concrete barrier railing
- Upgrade guardrail
- Roadway reconstruction
- Upgrade striping and signing



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Surveys of natural and cultural resources have been completed.
- No impacts to waters of the U.S., protected species, or critical habitat.
- Nearby descansos (roadside memorials) will be protected during construction and restored after the work is completed.
- Coordination will occur to avoid impacts to historic and cultural resources in the area.
- Consultation will occur with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

Protecting both the environment and the cultural heritage of the area is a key part of this project.

CONSTRUCTION APPROACH

1

Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2026

2

New bridges will be built on an offset alignment to the existing structures, allowing traffic to remain open throughout the project

3

One lane of traffic will remain open, helping to avoid storm-related detours and enhance safety for both drivers and construction crews

4

The roadway will be reconstructed to align with the newly constructed bridges

SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS

Project Scoping

- Complete

Preliminary Design Development

- Complete

Final Design

- Early 2026

Project Advertised and Awarded to a Contractor

- Early-Mid 2026

Anticipated Start of Construction

- Summer 2026

We Want to Hear From You

For any comments, questions, or concerns:



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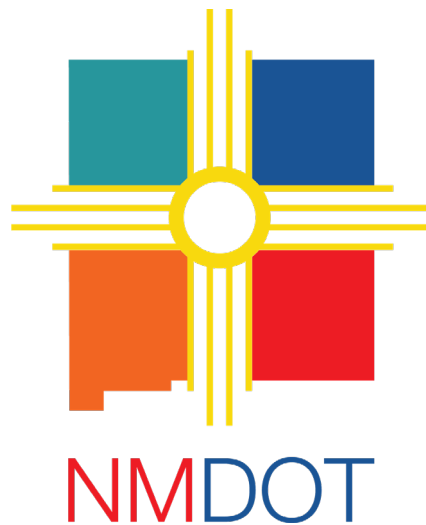
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