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INTERSECTION OF NM 101 (UNIVERSITY AVE) AND AVENIDA DE MESILLA TO BE FOUR-WAY STOP FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH BEGINNING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23-27, 2026

*Crews to Remove Old Traffic Signal Infrastructure and Install New Traffic Signal at Intersection
Update as of Friday, February 20, 2026*

NEW Traffic Impacts



Beginning the week of **February 23-27, 2026**, and lasting for about **one (1) month**, through the week of **March 23-27, 2026**, crews will install four-way stop signs at the intersection of NM 101 (University Avenue) and Avenida de Mesilla so they can remove the old infrastructure for the existing traffic signal and install a new traffic signal at the intersection.

Motorists should observe the following protocol:

- 1) The first vehicle to come to a complete stop at the intersection has the right of way to proceed first.
- 2) If multiple vehicles arrive at the same time, the vehicle on the right goes first.
- 3) Motorists should always yield to pedestrians and proceed cautiously.

Ongoing Traffic Impacts

The following traffic impacts remain in place:

- **NM 101/University Avenue is CLOSED at South Main Street.** *Traffic can use South Main Street to West Boutz Road or Avenida de Mesilla as a detour to the north. Traffic can use South Main Street to West Union Avenue to Avenida de Mesilla as a detour to the south.*
- **Two-way traffic (eastbound and westbound) will be open on University Avenue/NM 101** between Avenida de Mesilla and Bowman Street.
- **Southbound Avenida de Mesilla is reduced to one lane** so crews can work on the new traffic signal at the intersection of Avenida de Mesilla and NM 101 (University Ave).

Access will be maintained to all residences and Zia Middle School. Regular work hours are **Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**, although crews may work longer hours or on weekends if needed.

Additional construction phases will follow, with the project expected to be completed in **fall 2026**. *All construction is weather permitting and is subject to change without notice.*

For more information visit <https://www.dot.nm.gov/universitynm101/> or wwwnmroads.com.

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