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STREET CONDITIONS AND CLOSURES

Date/Time: 08/03/2006 @ 3p.m.
Location: Citywide

EL PASO, TEXAS – At this time there is a collision that is being investigated by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office that has caused the closure of I-10 East between East Lake and Horizon. Traffic at this time is being diverted from I-10 East to Americas. The collision is between East Lake and Horizon. Traffic is being allowed back on the I-10 at Horizon. Currently east El Paso is experiencing heavy rain fall it is important for motorist to remember the following:

- Do not drive unless necessary.
- Do not drive through flooded areas. If you see a flooded-out roadway ahead, turn around and find another route to get to your destination.
- If there is no other route, proceed to higher ground and wait for the waters to subside.
- Even if the water appears shallow enough to cross, do not attempt to cross a flooded road. Water can conceal dips, or worse, floodwaters can damage roadways, washing away the entire road surface and a significant amount of ground.
- If your car stalls, abandon it immediately and climb to higher ground.
- Remember, 6 inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control or possible stalling.
- One foot of water will float many vehicles.
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including SUV's and pick-ups.

It is also important to mention to give yourself extra time to get to your destination as well as more space between your vehicle the one on front of you. Remember SUVs and trucks are as susceptible as any other vehicle in rain and flooded areas.

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