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Rail Runner Gets \$115M

SANTA FE — The state Department of Transportation has awarded a \$115 million contract for extension of the Rail Runner Express commuter rail line into Santa Fe.

The department said work is scheduled to start in September and is estimated to be finished in November 2008 — about the same time frame projected in previous estimates.

The contract went to a joint venture of Twin Mountain Construction II Co. of Albuquerque and the Missouri-based HERZOG Group.

Twin Mountain was involved in the reconstruction of the Big I interstate interchange and the Interstate 40-Coors interchange in Albuquerque.

HERZOG already is under contract with the state to operate and maintain the existing Rail Runner commuter service between Belen and Bernalillo. The company also laid new track for a portion of that route.

Rail Runner service began in July 2006 between Albuquerque and Bernalillo, and later expanded to Belen and Los Lunas.