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I-70B PROJECT UPDATE

Median Work:

Crews will be pouring concrete along the median this week. The work will consist of both hand pour and machine pour operations along all portions of the median. The 24 1/2 Road intersection will be reopened today and remain open through the end of the week. The 24 3/4 Road intersection will be closed for paving tomorrow (3/2/11) and possibly Thursday (3/3/11). Each intersection along the median requires about 4 days to be poured and cured, so these 5 intersections (Mesa Mall #1, Mesa Mall #3, 24 1/2 Rd., North Frontage Road, and 24 3/4 Road) will see closures from time to time over this week and through a portion of next week. Work on the median is currently scheduled to be completed by 3/10/11.

North Accesses and Frontage Road:

The Mesa Mall #2 entrance (Wendy's) will be poured and cured through the end of this week (3/4/11). Grading for sidewalk will also start by the end of this week and last through next week (3/10/11).

South Frontage Road:

Excavation on the south frontage road is ongoing and will continue through Wednesday (3/2/11). We are currently anticipating that the concrete for the south frontage road will be poured immediately after work on the median is complete (3/10/11). Delays may occur to this schedule as we are awaiting work by Qwest to remove the overhead phone lines near the corner of 24 3/4 Road.

Eastbound Through Lanes:

- The current project schedule is calling for a traffic switch sometime around March 13th. This traffic switch will place all traffic on the new concrete surface so that work on the eastbound lanes can commence. During the time that the eastbound lanes are under construction, two through lanes in each direction will be located on the north side of the highway. Although no left turn lanes will be provided, left turns off of Highway 6 & 50 will be allowed from the left-most through lane. It is anticipated that most if not all right turn lanes will not be functioning while this work is completed.

Those with questions or concerns about the project, or who want to receive regular updates on the project progress, may reach Tom Newland, Public Information Manager for the project, at (970) 773-3457 or I70-B@sopris.net.