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I-70B Reconstruction Project Update for the week of March 28th

Eastbound Through Lanes:

The roto-milling of the old asphalt has been completed and earthmoving crews are about finished with bringing the subsurface of the eastbound lanes down in elevation to match that of the new median. However, some sub-standard soils were encountered in places and over-excavation will be required. The new schedule for paving the eastbound lanes is as follows:

- Finish excavating eastbound lanes: 3/24/11 (Thursday)
- Finish over-excavation of eastbound lanes: 3/25/11 (Friday)
- Import and place road base material: 3/24/11 to 3/26/11 (Thursday through Saturday). The milled asphalt from the old road will be used for road base;
- Trim eastbound lanes: 3/25/11 – 3/29/11 (Friday – next Tuesday). Trimming is the process where the sub base is leveled to accept the required thickness of concrete prior to pouring the concrete. This is the last thing that it done prior to paving;
- Machine pour eastbound lanes with concrete: Starting next Thursday, 3/31/11. This pour will take several days, at least through Monday, April 4th.

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 (I-70B) will be allowed from the left through lane. Right turns will work the same way from the right through lane until the eastbound lanes are reopened.

Median Work:

No work on the median is anticipated for this week. Median work will resume once the eastbound lanes are in place and traffic is switched over to them.

North Accesses and Frontage Road:

The entryway to the North Frontage Road (Shiners, Big O Tire) was poured on Monday. Hand crews will begin to work on the curb & gutter and other hand pours in this area. The island between lanes on the north leg of the 24 ½ Rd. intersection will also be formed and poured this week. Grading of the sidewalk will begin on the northeast side of the project (24 ½ Road) and work on the sidewalk will continue west along the north side of Highway 6 & 50.

South Frontage Road:

Crews have begun to machine pour the south frontage road this week. Crews will progress east from Office Depot and continue the machine pour through next Monday (3/28/11). Hand crews will start pouring driveways and walls along the south side of the frontage road on Monday and continue this work through next Wednesday (3/28/11 – 3/30/11).

You will also see electric and landscape crews working throughout the project working on street lighting, crosswalk lighting and placing posts for the new traffic signals. Landscaping will likely begin in earnest around the 24 ¾ Road intersection once the new sidewalk has been placed.

That's the update for this week. Remember that the schedule described above is dependent on favorable conditions and could be delayed if the weather turns bad.