

March 30, 2011

I70B Reconstruction Project Update for March 30th

Eastbound Through Lanes:

Crews have made progress with the over excavation of nonstructural soils. However, the work to remove and replace these soils is taking a little longer than originally anticipated. The new schedule for paving the eastbound lanes is as follows:

- Finish over excavation of eastbound lanes: 4/1/11 (Friday)
- Import and place road base material: Will be completed by the end of the week (4/1/11). The milled asphalt from the old road will be used for road base;
- Trim eastbound lanes: 3/30/11 - 4/1/11 (today through Friday). Trimming is the process where the sub base is leveled to accept the required thickness of concrete to be poured. This is the last thing that it done prior to paving;
- Machine pour eastbound lanes with concrete: Starting Monday, 4/4/11. This pour will take several days, at least through Friday, April 8th. 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 (I70B) 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:

Crews are currently working on the curb & gutter and will also be doing the driveways along the North Frontage Road through next Monday (4/4/11). The island between lanes on the north leg of the 24 ½ Rd. intersection was not poured last week and will be rescheduled in the near future. Grading of the sidewalk was also not started last week due to a drainage problem. Sidewalk work should start on Monday (4/4/11) and continue for a few weeks. Crews will start work on the northeast side of the project (24 ½ Road) and continue west along the north side of Highway 6 & 50.

South Frontage Road:

The lanes have been poured and are curing. Crews are currently machine pouring curb & gutter, finishing it by Friday (4/1/11). Driveways and walls along the south side will probably start sometime in the next week or two. The frontage road is now

open at 24 ½ Road and will be open through the east end of the project by the end of the day. The south leg of the I70B/24 ¾ Road intersection will remain closed for the time being.

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.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Irrigation season is rapidly approaching. As a part of the highway work, some irrigation lines in the CDOT rightofway have been damaged. If you own or lease property affronting the work area, please contact me before you turn on your sprinkler system. A representative from the project would like to be with you when the water goes on so that any damage to your system can be assessed. So, please call me at 7733457 when you are turning your irrigation system on and I will get a project representative to your property immediately. – THANK YOU!

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.