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I-70B Reconstruction Project Update

Eastbound Through Lanes:

All of the major excavation, has been completed on the project; minor grading for ditches and sidewalks is all that remains. Most of the eastbound lanes have been poured. Crews will continue pouring concrete for the 24-foot platform and should be done by tomorrow (4/14/11). They will then pour the 12-foot lane from Thursday (4/13/11) through Saturday (4/16/11). Hand pouring at the intersections of 24 ½ Rd. and 24 ¾ Rd. will be conducted starting Saturday (4/16/11) and running through Tuesday (4/19/11). A machine pour for the curb & gutter along the south side of the eastbound lanes will start next Wednesday (4/20/11) and run through next Friday (4/22/11). After the machine poured curb & gutter is placed, hand crews will come in to place curb & gutter at the intersections, driveways and other areas where the machine couldn't reach.

We will soon be reaching the point where traffic will be switched over to the eastbound lanes. The configuration of traffic after this switch will split the eastbound and westbound traffic so that it is separated by the median. I'll have more details on the traffic switch when we get closer to implementing it.

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 Frontage Road:

The lanes for this frontage road as well as the entrance to the frontage road west of Shiners is open to traffic and almost complete. We still need to complete the driveway connections.

South Frontage Road:

The new concrete lanes for the South Frontage road have been poured and are open for public use through the project area. Businesses that can be reached using 24 ½ Rd

area. However, the access via 24 ¾ Road remains closed until this intersection is improved.

Sidewalks:

Grading for the sidewalks will continue to take place this week through Friday (4/15/11). Sidewalk will continue to be poured after work on the eastbound lanes concludes.

Landscaping and Streetscape:

Landscape crews have begun work on the north side of the project. They will be coming in to portions of the project as the sidewalk is placed. There is 45 days worth of landscaping work to do on the project, so the landscaping crews will have an on-going presence on the project until it is complete.

Electric crews will be working on street lighting and crosswalk lighting throughout the project area. This week their work will concentrate on placing pedestrian lighting, signal heads and switch control boxes. The work on the signals and switch boxes will occur during two nights next week (after 10:00 pm) and will require detours of lane switches. This night work is tentatively scheduled to happen between Monday (4/18/11) through Wednesday (4/20/11).

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Irrigation season is rapidly approaching. As a part of the highway work, some irrigation lines in the CDOT right-of-way have been damaged. If you own or lease property with frontage along I-70B, 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 773-3457 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 or machinery breaks down.