

April 20, 2011

I-70B Reconstruction Project Update

Eastbound Through Lanes:

As of yesterday, all of the “main line” eastbound lanes have been poured. Crews will be machine-pouring the curb and gutter along the eastbound lanes today (4/20/11). Crews will also be hand-pouring the RV Centennial entrance and the south side of the 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ Rd. intersection on Thursday and Friday of this week (4/12/11 and 4/22/11). More concrete hand-pours will take place at 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ Rd. and 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ Road next week (4/26/11 – 4/30/11). Miscellaneous tie-ins for curb and sidewalk will occur starting Friday (4/22/11) and going through next Friday (4/29/11).

Once this work is complete, traffic will be switched over to the eastbound lanes. The traffic switch will occur in early May but the exact date hasn't been scheduled. Restriping of the highway in anticipation of this traffic switch will occur over the next two weeks (4/20/11 – 4/30/11). Some night work will be required to re-stripe the westbound 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 next week.

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:

The median curb will be machine-poured on Friday, 4/29/11 and Monday, 5/2/11).

North Frontage Road:

The retaining wall on the south side of the parking lot at the Valley View Plaza has begun. Work on the wall will continue through May 2nd (a week from next Monday).

South Frontage Road:

The retaining walls along the south side of the frontage road will be poured over the next 2 weeks (4/20-11 – 5/2/11).

Sidewalks:

Grading for the sidewalks will continue to take place this week through next Friday (4/29/11). Sidewalk will continue to be poured as the grading is complete.

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 at during two nights this week (after 10:00 pm) and will require detours of lane switches. This night work was tentatively scheduled to happen last night (4/19/11) but may occur tonight (4/20/11).

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.