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U.S. 50 INTERSECTION PROJECT UNDERWAY

OTERO COUNTY – Work is beginning on a U.S. 50 project that includes several safety and drainage improvements in the Rocky Ford and Fowler area.

Construction will occur at three intersections:

- **State Highway 71/ County Road 18/ U.S. 50 Intersection – west of Rocky Ford**
 - New left turn from westbound U.S. 50 to County Road (CR) 18
 - Extension of acceleration lane from SH 71 to eastbound U.S. 50
 - New acceleration lane from CR 18 to westbound U.S. 50
 - Median barrier installation along U.S. 50
 - Addition of a drainage pipe across U.S. 50
- **County Road 3.5 - east of Fowler**
 - Relocation of County Road 3.5 600 feet west
 - Drainage improvements
 - Addition of sidewalk on south side of U.S. 50
 - New left turn lane from westbound U.S. 50 to new CR 3.5
 - Median turning lane from the new CR 3.5 to westbound U.S. 50
- **County Road 2.0 – west of Fowler**
 - Box culvert extension
 - Median turning area for access points near or at the stockyard
 - Left turn lane from CR 2.0 to westbound U.S. 50

Project hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. Occasional lane closures and traffic stops can be expected during work hours, with delays less than 10 minutes. Work zone speed limits will be reduced to 35 or 40 mph and vehicles wider than 11 feet will be restricted, as necessary, from traveling through the area.

Initial work during the first few weeks involves equipment mobilization, surveying, erosion control, grading and drainage operations.

“This is a safety improvement project,” says CDOT Resident Engineer Karen Rowe. “We’re adding turn lanes at some key intersections and also improving the sight distance at County Road 3.5 by slightly relocating it.”

Kiewit Western Co. of Littleton, CO is the contractor for the \$2.1 million project. Completion is scheduled for November 2009.

Motorists are reminded to please *Slow for the Cone Zone*, stay alert and pay attention to and obey all work zone/advisory signs and flaggers.

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