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SH 82: Maroon Creek Bridge and Bus Lane Projects
IMPORTANT PROJECT UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19

MAROON CREEK BRIDGE

Pedestrians/Bicyclists to Move to New Maroon Creek Bridge

As the construction of the new Maroon Creek Bridge nears completion, motorists, cyclists and pedestrians should be aware of major developments scheduled to occur over the next two weeks.

On the evening of Wednesday, May 21^{*}, the pedestrians/bicycle trail will be relocated to the north side of the new bridge structure. New trail signage and striping will be in place to guide trail users. As part of this conversion, motorists will encounter one-way, alternating traffic on May 21 and 22 when the concrete barrier is removed from the down valley side of the current bridge. Barrier removal is scheduled from 7pm on Wednesday May 21 until 5am Thursday May 22.

Temporary Signal to be Removed

On Tuesday May 27^{*}, the temporary traffic signal at the intersection of Hwy 82 and the Aspen Country Inn/Pomegranate (at the west end of the Bridge) will be removed. This signal was installed as part of the Maroon Creek Bridge project to facilitate construction. There will be a short traffic stop in both directions while the overhead signals are lowered to the ground.

For More Information

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<http://www.dot.state.co.us/marooncreek/index.cfm>, detailed information including bridge history.

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SH 82 ASPEN BUS LANES

New Lane Opens from ABC to Buttermilk

Construction on new SH 82 bus lanes continues with contractor Castle Rock Construction scheduled to reach a major milestone during the week of May 19: the opening of a stretch of bus lane from the Aspen Airport Business Center (AABC) to Buttermilk (Owl Creek Road).

The opening of this first portion of the new bus lanes is slated to occur this week (scheduled for Thursday, May 22*) Motorists should be aware of the following traffic changes:

- The new up valley traffic configuration will consist of a bus lane, an HOV lane and a general purpose lane from the AABC to just before Harmony Road.
- The up valley left lane will merge right into the HOV lane before Harmony Road.
- The peak hour HOV/bus priority signal currently located at the intersection of Owl Creek Road and SH 82 will move to the AABC/SH 82 Intersection.
- Motorists should not cross double white lines. Lanes may only be crossed at dotted white lines.
- Only RFTA buses and emergency vehicles may use the dedicated bus lane (right lane). Other vehicles using the bus lane will be subject to citation.

The new SH 82 bus lanes were approved by Aspen voters in 2007 as a means of providing reduced travel times for transit users.

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<http://www.dot.state.co.us/sh82/new/currentconst.cfm>, engineered traffic control plan.

***Important Notes:** The above dates for both the Maroon Creek Bridge and bus lane projects are weather dependent and may be changed at the contractor's discretion. Traffic stops will take place outside of peak commute hours (6-9am and 3-6pm). Please comply with all posted signs and traffic control personnel.