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Department of Transportation

**CDOT: Military Access, Mobility & Safety Improvements Project
South I-25 / CO94 / S. Academy Boulevard / Charter Oak Ranch Road**

August 2022 Project Update



Traffic switch on southbound Interstate 25 between Colorado Highway 16 and Sante Fe Avenue complete

The Colorado Department of Transportation and SEMA Construction continue work on improvements on I-25 between South Academy Boulevard and North Santa Fe Avenue (Mile Point 135-127). As part of the I-25 improvement project, traffic has been shifted southbound I-25 easterly to the newly constructed inside lanes between South Academy Boulevard and Santa Fe Avenue. Traffic on I-25 is head-to-head, separated by temporary barrier with 11 ft. lanes and 2 ft. shoulders. Speed limit reduction to 55 MPH between MP 127 and MP 135.5.

This traffic switch will be in place through early 2023 to allow for the construction of the new southbound lanes, with concrete that will provide increased stability and durability. The new traffic configuration will be in place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Motorists are urged to use extra caution while traveling in the new traffic pattern. Fines will be doubled through the construction zone.

As an added safety measure, CDOT has built four temporary emergency pull-off areas on both the northbound and southbound side that drivers can use if necessary.



Interstate-25 Rehabilitation

Work includes concrete surface treatment to provide an improved riding surface for this 7.5-mile segment, widening the inside and outside shoulders to 12 feet, installation of median barriers the entire length of this corridor, widen four bridges and installing infrastructure to support transportation technologies and lengthening of deceleration lane with Colorado Highway 16.

July 2022 - Accomplishments

- FDR (Full Depth Reclamation) and Earthwork southbound I-25 from S. Academy to CO 16
- Install barrier northbound I-25 from CO 16 to Santa Fe
- Install HMA paving over Clover Ditch and Dry Wash Bridges
- Traffic shift (southbound I-25 from CO 16 to Santa Fe)
- Earthwork, southbound I-25 from CO 16 to Santa Fe
- Mill (profile) existing SB HMA/foundation preparation for new concrete lanes

August/September 2022 - Upcoming Work

- Embankment & ABC install between CO 16 & Santa Fe (SB)
- FDR install between CO 16 & Santa Fe (SB)
- PCCP (concrete paving) between CO 16 & Santa Fe (SB)
- Drainage installations across I-25 (median to west)
- Removals include guardrail, end anchorages, lighting and signs

- Top soil stockpile, control measure installs and maintenance
- Pothole repairs

Sign up for text alerts

The project team has implemented text messaging to alert the public of construction related traffic impacts or when an incident is causing traffic delays. If you drive on I-25 between South Colorado Springs and Fountain please register for Alerts: **Text MAMSIP to 888-970-9665**



I-25 Bridges over South Academy Boulevard

Work includes replacement of two bridges on I-25 crossing over South Academy Boulevard.

July 2022 Accomplishments

- Continue installation of soil nail wall at Abutment #3
- Continue construction of pier cap (Phase 1)
- Mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall installation
- Set precast wall panels followed by closure pours

August/September 2022 Upcoming Work

- Soil Nail Wall Installation
- Abutment 1 backfill (structural)
- Abutment 3 work includes (leveling pad, precast panels, MSE Backfill)
- Girder placement (first phase)
- Traffic impacts:
 - Nighttime lane closures/daytime shoulder closures

South Academy Boulevard

CDOT and El Paso County continue working through the final pre-construction phase in developing construction plans for South Academy Boulevard along

this mile and a half stretch. Work will include widening to three dedicated lanes in each direction from I-25 to Milton E. Proby Parkway, scour protection to improve the reliance of bridges crossing Fountain Creek, and noise abatement.

2023 Upcoming Work

- Scour protection work at Fountain Creek
- Drainage installation
- Utility relocation



Charter Oak Ranch Road

Work includes roadway, drainage and structural improvements to improve the entrance to Gate 19 of Fort Carson.

July 2022 - Accomplishments

- Temporary detour in place using Champlin Lane
- Completed storm drain inlets and pipe installation on Santa Fe Avenue and at Charter Oak Ranch Road intersection
- Completed utility work at the Santa Fe Avenue and at Charter Oak Ranch Road intersection
- Continue roadway embankment and aggregate base course through the new alignment radius of Charter Oak Ranch Road
- Continue curb and gutter installation
- New asphalt pavement on east end of Charter Oak Ranch Road

August/September 2022 - Upcoming Work

- New detour access for Kroeger's employee traffic and Ft. Carson Gate 19.
- Embankment grading and compaction at intersection roundabout
- Aggregate base coarse placed at roundabout.
- Curb and gutter poured for median islands at roundabout
- Concrete paving and curb and gutter at roundabout
- Traffic impacts: Motorists should expect to see intermittent single lane closures Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Flaggers will be available to assist motorists as needed. These lane closures will continue intermittently through summer 2022 to complete the following work.



Colorado Highway 94

Crews built an approximate one mile-long passing lane on westbound CO 94 at Mile Point 5.5 to improve visibility and allow vehicles to safely pass along this stretch of highway. An eastbound turn lane will be added between North Franceville Coal Mine Road and Blaney Road, and a signalized “jug handle” intersection will be installed at Blaney Road, thereby removing slow moving traffic from the passing lane, and greatly improving efficiency of eastbound traffic.

July 2022 Accomplishments

- Continued asphalt removal
- Road base and widening work for eastbound CO 94
- Continued to place storm drainage pipes on south side of CO 94
- Future sanitary line crossing installs south side of CO 94

August 2022 Upcoming Work

- Continue construction of the Jug Handle, earthwork, paving, and drainage improvements along with eastbound widening of CO 94
- Blaney Road north of CO 94 will remain closed through Fall 2022 (detour in place for landfill access)
- Traffic Shift along South Blaney Road could happen before the end of August placing Blaney Road traffic on the Jug Handle to access SH 94 to allow the rebuild of South Blaney Road connecting to SH 94.

September 2022 Upcoming Work

- Phase 2 traffic shift possible before the end of September for construction widening of westbound CO 94. All traffic shifted to eastbound side of CO 94.

Traffic Information

- All work is weather-dependent and will be rescheduled if operations cannot be completed.
- Alternate routes are advised.
- Traffic fines will be doubled in the work zone.
- Speed reduction will be enforced by State Patrol.
- Motorists should slow down as they approach the work zones, drive with caution, allow extra space between vehicles, and allow extra travel time.

Project Facts

Overview: The Military Access, Mobility & Safety Improvement Project (MAMSIP) focuses on enhancing connectivity and accessibility in and around Colorado Springs, particularly safer mobility along I-25, Colorado Highway 94, South Academy Boulevard, and Charter Oak Ranch Road. The completion of MAMSIP will strengthen and enhance the redundancy of strategic movement between the nationally significant El Paso County military installations of Fort Carson, Peterson Space Force Base, Cheyenne Mountain Space Force Station, and Schriever Space Force Base. Construction of the four components of the MAMSIP Project are progressing.

Goal: Military Access, Mobility & Safety Improvement Project will improve safety, efficiency, economic vitality, and reinforce strategic mobility throughout west and south Colorado Springs.

Cost: \$161 million, with contributions from Colorado Department of Transportation, El Paso County, Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, and a federal BUILD grant.

Contractor: SEMA Construction, Inc.

Timeline: Completion scheduled for last quarter of 2024

Location: El Paso County, Colorado Springs, CO

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