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Manitou Avenue Road Improvements Underway -- Scheduled Completion December, 2016

Work on a three-month Manitou Avenue Road Improvements project has started at US 24 - Manitou Avenue, the intersection of Garden of the Gods Place and CO 24 East. The work includes an asphalt overlay on Manitou Avenue along with drainage, guardrail, bridge deck work and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp work. The \$2.4 million Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) project will be constructed by Kiewit Infrastructure Group. Project completion is expected at the end of 2016.

"There is never an ideal time to impact traffic. However, CDOT and the overlay project team did an excellent job identifying a time period that is least impactful, after the tourism season and before winter weather," said Manitou Springs Mayor Nichole Nicoletta. "The team met with stakeholders and continues to work collaboratively to make the community aware of traffic impacts related to the project."

Construction will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday with a possibility of Saturday work with approval of CDOT. Intermittent lane closures and temporary short-term full closures will occur. The project work is split between two sites:

Site A Closure

Manitou Avenue between Serpentine Drive to **US 24 Access Ramp at the Rainbow Falls Bridge area** will remain closed. This closure will continue through Oct. 14, 2016. When permanently reopened, this portion will have a new pavement, new guardrail, and new striping.

Drivers wanting to access Manitou Springs from US 24 will need to use Serpentine Drive, Washington Avenue, or preferably, the Manitou Avenue interchange. [CLICK HERE](#) for detour information.

Site B Closure

Motorists will experience a full closure at **Garden of Gods Place between El Paso Boulevard and Manitou Avenue** from late Sept. through late Oct. This closure allows for bridge, barrier and drainage work to happen concurrently, reducing the duration of disturbance on the road and bike path. [CLICK HERE](#) for detour information.

This Manitou Avenue Road Improvements project is in cooperation with the El Paso County Westside Avenue Action Plan (www.WestsideAvenuePlan.com). Construction schedules are subject to change based on weather/unforeseen circumstances and schedule changes.

Project Information

The \$2.4 million CO 24 East Manitou Avenue Road Improvements project -- consists of an overlay through Manitou Springs along with Americans with Disabilities (ADA) ramp work. The project entails milling, paving, ADA ramps (approximately 30), drainage inlet and pipes, adjustments to manholes and water valves, bridge deck repairs and pavement striping. Completion is planned for late 2016.

How Do I Get Project Updates?

Sign up for periodic project updates by sending an email to ManitouAvenueOverlay@gmail.com. Project information is available at: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us-24-east-manitou-springs-overlay>. A telephone hotline is also available at 719-472-3031.