

News From  
**The Colorado Department  
of Transportation**

April 23, 2009

Contact: Bob Wilson, CDOT Public Relations, (303) 757-9431  
[www.dot.state.co.us](http://www.dot.state.co.us)

**MESSAGE BOARD INSTALLATION UNDERWAY ON HIGHWAY 50**

**OTERO/BENT/PROWERS COUNTIES** – Work is underway on a Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) project to add three, permanent variable message signs (VMS) along U.S. 50 through the Arkansas Valley.

Drivers can expect lane or shoulder closures from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at one of the following locations along U.S. 50:

- Eastbound in Manzanola (mile 359)
- Westbound, east of Las Animas (mile 401)
- Eastbound, north of Lamar (mile 432)

Work over the next two to three weeks includes drilling operations, and installation of foundations, guardrail, fencing and asphalt weed guard. Once this initial work is completed, the project is on hold until this summer, when the signs will be installed.

VMS are electronic signs used to give travelers information about construction zones, traffic congestion, accidents or other pertinent information.

Arrow Electric Services Inc., of Pueblo, CO., is the contractor for the \$491,000 project.

###

*taking care to get you there*