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Day-time operations to impact traffic at Woodmen & Academy

Completion of the Woodmen Road project is just around the corner, but an additional significant traffic impact is needed to install the final asphalt paving. This work is scheduled to begin Sunday July 17th and last approximately five days. The project will be installing a special rubberized asphalt blend which requires warm temperatures, meaning the work has to occur during day time hours. Below is a summary of impacts that will be seen during this operation:

- Daytime lanes closures will exist on Woodmen Road. Periods of one-lane traffic in either direction on Woodmen Road may be used between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - During rush hours (7 a.m.-9 a.m. and 3 p.m.-5 p.m.) a minimum of two lanes each direction will be open.
- Periodic periods will exist where business accesses along Woodmen Road are temporarily closed for short durations (approximately one hour) or only accessible as a right-in/right-out entrance:
 - Entrances will be temporarily closed in preparation for asphalt paving, during the paving operation, and while the asphalt cools to a temperature suitable for traffic.
 - Temporary closures are estimated to last for approximately one hour and then will reopen to their full intended traffic movements.
 - Alternate means of access/exit will be necessary during these periodic closures.
 - Some entrances may temporarily close to the left turn movements approximately six times.
- Periods will exist where turning movements to/from Woodmen Road and Academy Boulevard are temporarily closed.

- Each of the four ramps will be temporarily closed at different times in preparation for asphalt paving, during the paving operation, and while the asphalt cools to a temperature suitable for traffic.
- Temporary closures are estimated to last for approximately one hour and then will reopen to their full intended traffic movements.
- Alternate means of travel between Woodmen/Academy will be necessary during these periodic closures in the various directions.
- Full turning movements from each of the ramps will only close one time.

Drivers are reminded to slow down as the posted speed limit is 30 mph in this construction area and patience and cooperation provides safer conditions and is extremely appreciated. Advance warning signs will be in place advising of major work in the area and suggested other routes used.

“This asphalt installation is the final major hurdle for the completion of the Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project—Phase 1,” said Dan Krueger, the City’s project manager. “The work starting on Sunday July 17th has been anticipated since the start of the project twenty-two months ago and we knew it would have to be a daytime operation. The project team has developed a strong plan to complete this work while minimizing the inconvenience to the traveling public to the fullest extent possible, but traffic flows will be impacted. This activity is one of the few times the City would advise finding other means of travel through the project to lessen the traffic impacts felt during this operation. If you do travel down Woodmen, please use caution and practice patience when commuting in this area during this operation.”

The Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project—Phase 1 is approximately 95% complete. The project is approaching final completion. The major items of work that remain following the completion of this paving operation will include final landscaping, roadway striping, and detention pond construction east of the Woodmen Commons Shopping Center.

The Phase 1 Construction Project (Campus Drive to Stinson Road) will widen Woodmen Road to six lanes and build a grade-separated interchange at Woodmen Road and Academy Boulevard. Construction of these improvements are the first step to reduce

congestion along Woodmen Road. The project started in September 2009 and is anticipated to be completed by September 2011.

For the latest updates of Woodmen Road construction and to sign up for the latest news by e-mail, please log on to www.woodmenroad.com. The web site also has an FAQ on suggested detour routes to popular North Academy Boulevard destinations.

The Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority was formed when voters in Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls and El Paso County approved a one percent sales tax in November of 2004 to address infrastructure and transit needs in the region. The tax revenue is divided into three categories: 55% capital improvements, 35% maintenance, and 10% transit. The capital portion of the tax will sunset in 2014.

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