



Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project  
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## Major Milestone Accomplished: Working around the clock beginning on Monday, February 1 at 1 a.m., the project team completed the 42-inch water transmission line tie-in a day ahead of schedule on Friday, February 5!

The City continues to work with the project team to minimize inconvenience and reduce the length of the construction period. For example, the planning for relocating a particularly inconvenient waterline began several years ago to ensure that the design and construction was tightly coordinated.

Academy Boulevard must be lowered in order to go under Woodmen Road when the overpass is built. Springs Utilities determined that this line could only be shut down for five days during January or February when water usage is lowest. After the contractor, Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc., was selected, the project team focused its efforts to implement the plan.

Key team members involved in the planning, and implementation of the successful plan were the City, Springs Utilities, the design team from URS, the contractor, and its utility subcontractor (AUI).

Beginning early after the contract award in September, the team worked diligently to ensure that the plan, all necessary resources and contingencies were in place prior to commencing work on this water line tie-in.

The tie-in was accomplished in three major phases: draining the existing 42-inch water line; removing a section of the existing water line at two

locations; installing a series of valves; and, finally, recharging the line. All phases went smoothly. The recharging was completed ahead of schedule.



*Draining the existing 42-inch water line*



*Removing a section of the existing water line at two locations*



*Installing a series of valves*

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### Stay Current with: [www.woodmenroad.com](http://www.woodmenroad.com):

Newsletters, 7-Day Outlook, the schedule, construction steps, FAQs, and construction progress photographs are readily available on the web site.

**The City and its project team are committed to keeping two through-lanes in each direction on Woodmen Road and three lanes on Academy Boulevard open during peak traffic hours.**

Slow down to 30 mph through the work zone. It takes only 45 seconds longer if you drive at the 30 mph speed limit. Fines are doubled for speeding in the construction zone.

### Sign Up For Alerts: Register on our website, [www.woodmenroad.com](http://www.woodmenroad.com) and we'll add you to our e-mail Alert list.

The e-mail Alerts offer timely construction information that could affect your travel through the project area and links to the 7-Day Outlook and press releases.

### Newsletters

No Web access? If you would like to receive the newsletter through the U.S. Mail, please call us at 266-8085, and ask to be placed on the mailing list. The newsletters are published every other month. If you are currently receiving a newsletter, you do not have to sign up again.

**Businesses throughout the construction project are open for your continued patronage.**

# Bridge Construction can now begin!

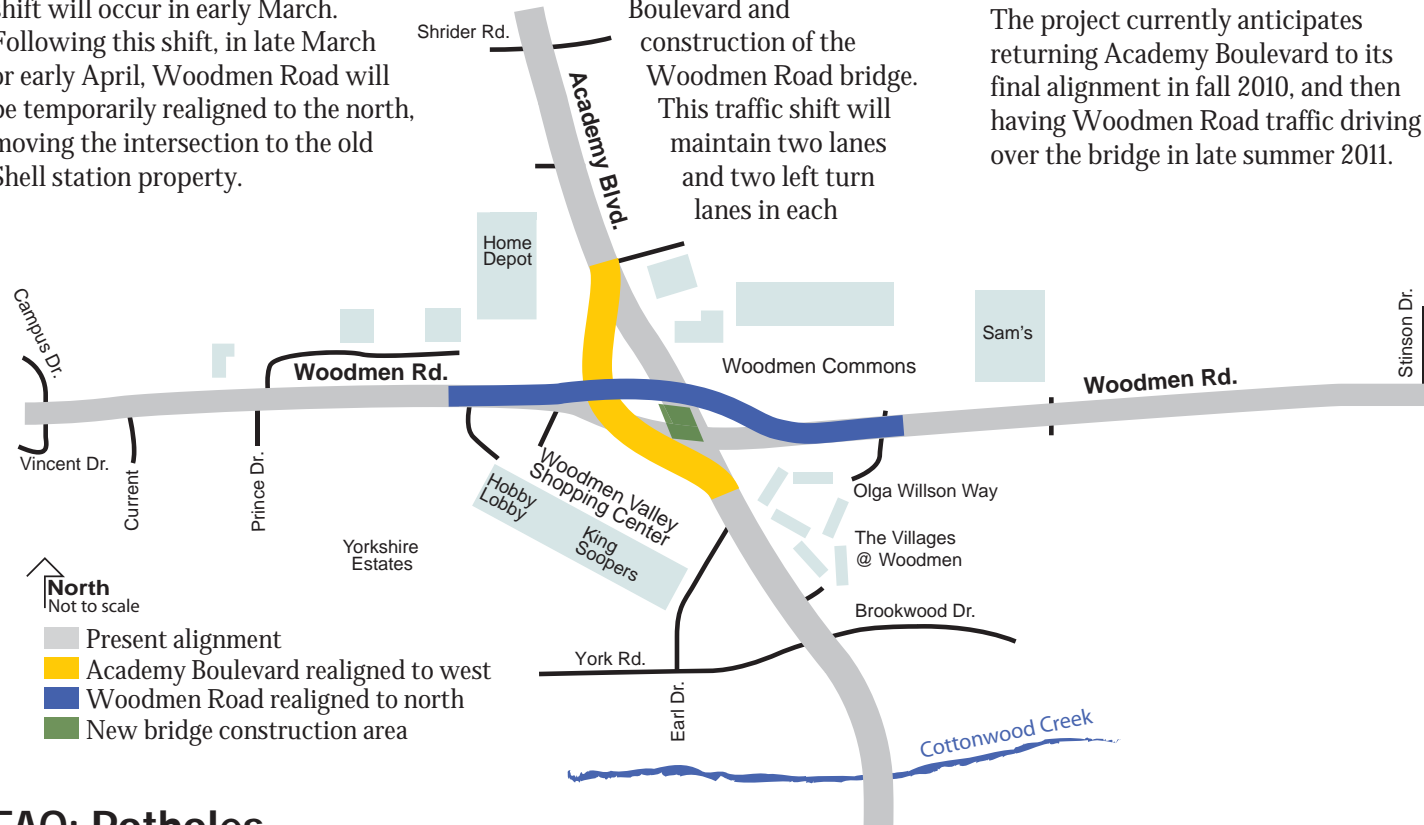
The next major milestone will be the realignment of Academy Boulevard to the west and Woodmen Road to the north.

This realignment will be the main temporary alignment configuration for the project. The Academy Boulevard shift will occur in early March. Following this shift, in late March or early April, Woodmen Road will be temporarily realigned to the north, moving the intersection to the old Shell station property.

These alignment changes are needed to provide necessary work area for the excavation of Academy Boulevard and construction of the Woodmen Road bridge. This traffic shift will maintain two lanes and two left turn lanes in each

direction on Woodmen Road and three lanes and two left turn lanes on Academy Boulevard.

The project currently anticipates returning Academy Boulevard to its final alignment in fall 2010, and then having Woodmen Road traffic driving over the bridge in late summer 2011.



## FAQ: Potholes

**There are potholes within the construction limits. How do these get repaired?**

The project team continues to monitor and repair potholes as the weather and temperatures allow. During the winter months it is more difficult to get the necessary hot-mix asphalt to make the proper repairs because asphalt plants close due to low demand. Emergency repairs can be made using cold-patch asphalt as a temporary repair.

Both restriping and pothole repair are very temperature sensitive and weather dependent. Please be patient. Let us know where there is a need, and we will schedule repairs as soon as Mother Nature cooperates.

## FAQ: Striping

**The roadway striping is faint and it is hard to distinguish driving lanes. What is the approach for refreshing the paint markings?**

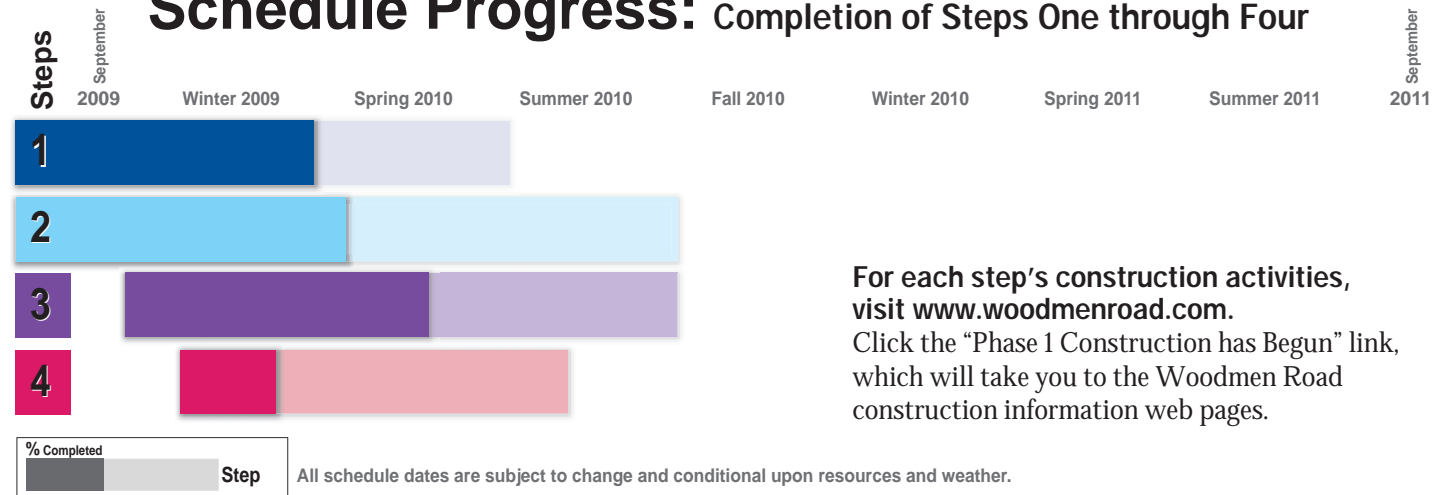
Due to the time of year and winter conditions, with snow removal, sand on the roadway, and the use of temporary paint, these markings may wear out quickly. The project team will continue to monitor striping and has a subcontractor who will be scheduled to refresh roadway markings as air temperature, weather, and road conditions allow. Periodic sweeping of the roadways will also be scheduled to remove dirt and sand.

## Did You Know?

**The Wild Bird Center,** in the Woodmen Commons Shopping Center, does more than just supply seed, baths, feeders and other birding supplies. It is a community resource for birders and nature lovers. It sponsors free educational programs with bird walks (second Saturday of each month from April to November, weather permitting); and programs for schools, scouts, community and social organizations. Wild Bird Center is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Center also makes an annual donation to the Palmer Land Trust and supports the nature centers at Fountain Creek and Bear Creek.

*"Did You Know" reveals interesting tidbits regarding landmarks, history, people and businesses in the project area. If you have an interesting fact to contribute, let us know!*

## Schedule Progress: Completion of Steps One through Four



For each step's construction activities, visit [www.woodmenroad.com](http://www.woodmenroad.com). Click the "Phase 1 Construction has Begun" link, which will take you to the Woodmen Road construction information web pages.

## Utility Work

Relocating existing utilities throughout the project area is approximately 60% complete.

## Walls and Fences

Work will continue at:

- Wag 'N Wash/Home Depot entrance
- Woodmen Road, east of Academy Blvd. at the Villages at Woodmen
- Yorkshire Estates south side of Woodmen Road west of Woodmen Valley Shopping Center
- Academy Boulevard, north of Woodmen Road at the La-Z-Boy Store
- Brookwood Estates sound wall along Olga Willson Way as well as heightening of existing structure.



## Thank You! Project Team Sponsored BBQ

The second well attended project BBQ, was held on January 15, 2010, in conjunction with the Woodmen Commons Shopping Center. The project team fed approximately 200 people, free of charge. Along with the project team, volunteers from the Woodmen Enhancement Committee, Falcon Estate Homeowners Association, Yorkshire Estate Homeowners Association, and the *Woodmen Edition* served up pork

sandwiches and hot dogs. The project team also had an information station to answer questions and provide schedule updates. The retail outlets at the shopping center and surrounding businesses provided coupons and a demonstration.

**Next BBQ:**  
Saturday, March 20  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Home Depot Shopping Center  
**Please plan on joining us!**

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