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Onto the Bridge: Thank You for Your Patience

Over the months since the last newsletter, the Project Team has made very visible progress on the Woodmen Road Project.



- Traffic ramps for the turning movements are open
- Traffic is flowing smoothly along Academy Boulevard under and Woodmen Road over the new bridge
- All major traffic shifts are complete
- Business access points are in their final configuration!

Thank you for your patience during the 14-day closure of the north-side ramps while they were constructed where Woodmen Road traffic once drove. The project team worked around the clock to get it done and beat the scheduled goal of 14 days.

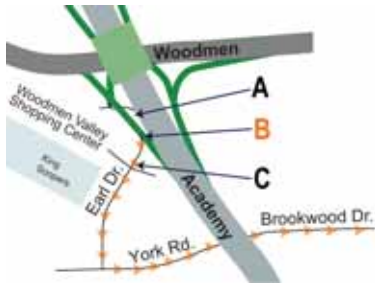
All major traffic shifts for the project have been completed. There will be some minor traffic shifts needed to complete various items of work such as paving. Academy Boulevard has returned to 3-lanes each direction.



*Above - most recent aerial view of the new Woodmen Road Bridge
 At right - view of the construction of the new northbound Academy Boulevard ramp*

Best of all, there were no major accidents, commuters were able to follow the detour routes and the weather cooperated.

Reminders:



- A** -The new Woodmen Valley Shopping Center exit will open to southbound Academy in September. Be aware this is an EXIT ONLY and will be a right turn directly onto southbound Academy Boulevard. Please observe the STOP sign before proceeding from the shopping center once this exit opens.
- B** -Commuters and residents traveling from Woodmen Road to the Brookwood Estates and Brookwood businesses are encouraged to use the new Earl Drive to York Road for access.
- C** -Traffic traveling into the Woodmen Valley Shopping Center from the new ramp from Woodmen Road to Earl Drive and the shopping center DOES NOT stop. The intersection is a three way stop from all other directions.

Please Slow Down!

Even though roadways are being completed and traffic no longer stops at the old intersection of Woodmen Road and Academy Boulevard, the area remains a very active construction zone. The construction speed limit remains 30 mph throughout the construction zone. Fines remain double and the police continue to patrol the area for the safety of the workers, pedestrians, and traveling public. Please continue to watch your speed.

What's happening this summer:

Now that the interchange and roadway are in their final configuration, and over 85% complete, the project team is concentrating on returning the areas impacted during the various phases of construction to their original condition and adding new landscaping and aesthetic elements. Construction activities will also concentrate on the final appearance of the project. These include:

- Continued installation of irrigation systems to sustain the landscaping throughout the project
- Planting of grasses, shrubs and trees in the medians and shoulders
- Completion of aesthetic elements on the bridge medians
- Construction of the detention ponds between the Woodmen Commons Shopping Center and Stinson Drive
- Construction and landscaping of the permanent cul-de sac at the south end of Bell Drive



Concrete Stain Application

The concrete stain application is well under way and final touches will be completed, giving the project the final appearance for the walls and bridge the aesthetics committee envisioned. The remaining pedestrian railings will be installed along these ramps to provide safe access on the newly complete sidewalks and pedestrian routes.



Asphalt

Numerous layers of asphalt have been installed and will continue in preparation for the final travel surface installation. The final asphalt layers will be installed beginning in June/July when proper temperatures are achieved.

Sidewalks

The sidewalks for pedestrian routes are also taking shape. **The permanent crosswalks for Woodmen Road are in place at Olga Willson Way/Sam's Club and the Hobby Lobby/Home Depot entrance to the Woodmen Valley Shopping Center.** The permanent crosswalks for Academy Blvd. remain open at York and Brookwood as well as at Goddard. Please refrain from crossing either Woodmen Road or Academy Blvd. outside the

crosswalk areas and avoid the areas still under construction. If a sidewalk is marked as "closed," please do not proceed as construction may still be ongoing even though the sidewalk appears complete. Please note, there are no crosswalks on the bridge to cross Woodmen Road.

Bus Stops and Bike Lanes

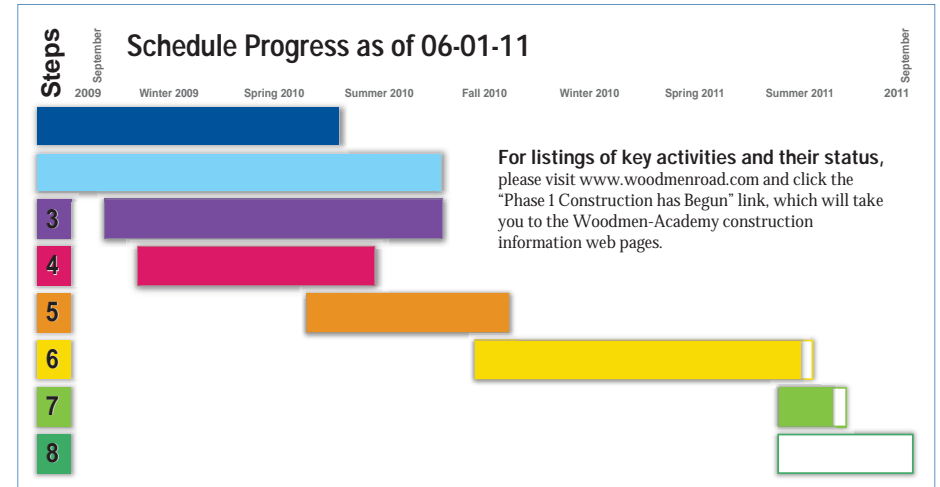
The bus stop along westbound Woodmen Road near the "Hobby Lobby" entrance will open in the near future. The bike lanes along Woodmen will be opened in July/August when the final layer of asphalt is completed.



Above - New staining on walls of the southbound exit to Academy Boulevard.
Left - Aesthetic and landscaping details at the top of the Woodmen Road Bridge
Below - View of the northbound ramp to Academy Boulevard

Night Work

Additional efforts to decrease the inconvenience to commuters through the area include the beginning of night work. Construction efforts require night work for asphalt rotomilling (which was accomplished in May), asphalt placement, and final lane striping. For residents in the area, we apologize for the temporary inconvenience of night work. The project is quickly approaching the end and if the weather holds, the project will be completed by September 2011!



Thank You! Project Team Sponsored BBQs

The eighth project BBQ was held at the Woodmen Commons Shopping Center (Sam's Club) on May 6th. Approximately 250 folks came to enjoy the Rudy's BBQ pulled pork. The project team appreciates the volunteers from the local communities of Falcon, Yorkshire, and Brookwood Estates. The Woodmen Enhancement Committee was also there to welcome everyone to the free BBQ.



Folks enjoying the BBQ.

The next BBQ will be held at the Home Depot Shopping Center. Look for dates and times posted at the businesses.

FAQ?

The Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project – Phase II has been a consistent question throughout the Phase 1 project.

Phase II begins from where Phase I ends on Woodmen Road west of Stinson Drive and continues to Powers Boulevard. The City and PPRTA have issued a Request for Proposal for the design and construction management for Phase II. Construction is expected to begin in early 2014 when project funding becomes available. The project may include widening of Woodmen Road from the end of Phase I toward Powers Boulevard, bike lanes, and landscaping.

Please visit the FAQ section of the website www.woodmenroad.com for more general information or if you have specific questions regarding Phase II.

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