



Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project – Phase 1

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Woodmen Road Bridge Girders Are Placed

Beginning at 6:00 a.m. on June 22, 2010, and continuing through June 23, 2010, 22 girders will be delivered and put in place on the north half of the Woodmen Road Bridge over Academy Boulevard. This is the first of two planned girder placements, with the remaining 24 girders scheduled later this summer. This will be a daytime operation. Drivers should be aware of large trucks delivering the girders and, as always, use caution through the intersection.

Dan Krueger, the City's project manager, explained "this is a milestone event for the project, and we'll be able to visualize the size and scope of the bridge when the girders are installed. We do not anticipate having to close lanes for the delivery of the girders, but there will be several times throughout the two days when traffic will be stopped for a few minutes to allow girder delivery to the bridge area. We are on schedule and look forward to putting traffic on the bridge next summer." A map of the area is attached; the area in green is where the girders will be installed. This work is dependent upon weather and resource availability.

For the safety of everyone in the work zone, drivers are reminded to slow down as the posted speed limit is 30 mph in this construction area.

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 is 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. For general questions regarding the City PPRTA projects, contact Sue Skiffington-Blumberg (719) 385-5254.

