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Major Night Work Planned at Woodmen & Academy

Major night work (8 p.m. through 6 a.m.) will take place on the new Woodmen Road bridge from Sunday, June 19 through 6 a.m. on Friday, June 24 to complete the final epoxy overlay on the bridge. **All traffic operations will be normal during day time hours and all business access points will remain open, including during night work.**

- Traffic will be controlled by uniformed traffic control and flaggers.
- Intersection lights will be turned to flashing red for Woodmen and ramps to/from Woodmen Rd.
- Turning movements will be in temporary locations, to/from Woodmen and Academy. Please watch for and follow direction of construction personnel.
- All turning movements will remain open, but alignments will be temporarily changed during overnight hours and limited in numbers of lanes
- Due to temporary turning movement changes at night, semi-trucks with trailers and/or wide loads are encouraged to plan routes to avoid making movements to/from Woodmen at the intersection with Academy from 8 p.m.-6 a.m., June 19-24.

Drivers are reminded to slow down as the posted speed limit is 30 mph in this construction area. Watch for signs/uniformed personnel along the new alignment, and exercise caution.

“With the majority of the final asphalt installation complete, Woodmen and Academy streets have started to take their final shape,” said Dan Krueger, the City’s project manager. “The work starting Sunday night is important to provide a quality and durable

driving surface over the bridge deck as well. The project team has developed a strong plan to complete this work while minimizing the inconvenience to the traveling public to a night work operation. Please use caution when traveling through this area during this operation and remember the speed limit is 30 mph in this construction zone.”

The Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project—Phase 1 is approximately 90% complete. The majority of the roadway work is approaching completion. The major items of work that remain, of which all have been started, include landscaping, property restoration, asphalt paving, and pavement markings.

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. For general questions regarding the City PPRTA projects or to schedule interviews, contact Mary Scott at (719) 385-5248.

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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