



Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project – Phase 1

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Woodmen Road to Shift North

Beginning on Sunday, May 23, 2010, at 7:00 a.m., the process of shifting Woodmen Road to the north from just west of the Sam's Club (Olga Willson Way) to just east of the Home Depot entrance will start. Expect lane closures and shifts during the daytime hours. During this time, lanes will be moved around several times as crews work to pave and stripe the new temporary roadway. It is likely that cones will be used to designate driving lanes for a short time as the striping will be removed or changed. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by Sunday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. This temporary alignment will allow the project team to expand the excavation site at the intersection of Academy Boulevard and Woodmen Road in order to drill and pour caissons to support the bridge which will carry Woodmen Road over Academy Boulevard.

Drivers are reminded to slow down (posted speed limit is 30 mph in this construction area), watch for signs along the new alignment, and exercise extreme caution. **This work is dependent upon weather and resource availability.**

In order to accommodate traffic through the area, two additional changes will occur:

- The Woodmen entrance to Hobby Lobby and the King Soopers parking lot will be shifted to the west.
- Over the next several weeks, the new Earl Drive will be built from York Road to the east side of King Soopers. This will allow Woodmen Valley Shopping Center traffic to enter and exit the shopping at an additional location.

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Dan Krueger, the City's project manager, explained "the Woodmen Road shift is the second, and final, of two major shifts we will be doing in and around the intersection of Academy and Woodmen so that the bridge can be constructed. The construction effort to accomplish this shift is extremely challenging. As a result, this will be one of the few times during the project where it is necessary to reduce the number of traffic lanes in operation. The project team has worked very hard to limit this reduction to one day for this effort." Attached is drawing of the temporary alignments of Woodmen Road and Academy Boulevard which will remain in this configuration until fall 2010.

The new alignment of Woodmen Road will continue to have two lanes in each direction, with two exclusive left turn lanes at Academy Boulevard; and Academy Boulevard will continue to have three lanes in each direction with two exclusive left turn lanes at Woodmen Road.

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.

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North
Not to scale

- Present alignment
- Academy Boulevard realigned to west
- Woodmen Road realigned to north
- New bridge construction area