



WoodmenRoad Corridor Improvement Project

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Woodmen Road Ready To Go!

The Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project - Phase 1 recently secured \$35 million as part of Colorado's share of the Federal Stimulus Package. The Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) will contribute the balance. The City has been completing the construction documents for Woodmen

contractor. Once the contractor is hired, there will be more detailed information on the construction sequencing and plans.

The recently updated website, www.woodmenroad.com, will help keep the public informed of the project's progress. It includes a construction

advisory section to inform travelers about activities they may see happening along the corridor. Once significant construction is underway, it will also notify travelers of any lane closures, detours, or other activity that might cause delays.

At our last public meeting, citizens stated that they would rather tolerate nighttime and weekend work than see the project time-line extended. With this in mind, we will also use the website's construction advisory to let people know when there might be nighttime noise associated with construction.

WoodmenRoad Corridor Improvement Project

The Woodmen Road corridor has a long history of tremendous growth, which has created substantial traffic congestion in northern Colorado Springs. The purpose of the Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project is to implement a Proposed Action plan that will increase traffic capacity and safety in this corridor.

WHAT'S NEW?
July 2009 - Phase 1 contractor selection is in progress [Read more](#)
[View animation](#) of the proposed Phase 1 project.

I-25 TO POWERS
Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) is providing a large portion of the funds for the section from I-25 to Powers Boulevard and The City of Colorado Springs is managing this corridor. The improvements from I-25 to Campus Drive have been completed and the remaining portion of the corridor has been divided into the following three phases:

PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY **SIGN UP FOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**
0003- Construction Preparation
Posted on 07-27-09
LOCATION: Woodmen Road from Campus Drive to Stinson Road and along Academy Boulevard from Collins Road to York Road
EXPECTED DURATION: Five weeks
START: Tuesday, July 28, 2009
APPROX. END: Thursday, August 27, 2009
DESCRIPTION: Road crews measuring for removal of materials
0002- Construction Preparation
Posted on 07-27-09
0001- Utility Work - off roadway

CONSTRUCTION INFO
Phase 1: Campus to Stinson
addresses the need to widen Woodmen and upgrade the existing intersection at Academy Boulevard and Woodmen Road to a grade separated interchange.

Phase 2: Stinson to Powers
involves adding lanes to Woodmen Road to provide an increase to existing capacity.

Phase 3: Union Interchange
addresses the need to upgrade the existing intersection to a grade separated interchange.

POWERS TO US 24 COMPLETED
El Paso County's Department of Transportation is managing the section from Powers Boulevard to US 24.
For project information in this section:
[El Paso County DOT Web Site](#)

More Woodmen Road Information:
[Corridor History](#)
[Contact Information](#)
Visitor Number: 000402

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Road over the past several months. Contractors were invited to submit proposals in May and a contractor will be selected in August. Construction is slated for early fall. You may have already seen pre-construction preparation activities underway along the corridor including soil testing, limited utility work, and crews out measuring and documenting materials that will be hauled away by the

The City is committed to keeping people informed of progress and working with the neighborhoods and businesses as construction gets underway. To receive email updates, please sign up on the Woodmen Road web site. While recognizing that a construction project of this magnitude will inevitably cause disruption, the City will be working hard to make it go as smoothly as possible.



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www.woodmenroad.com

PUBLIC MEETING COMING IN SEPTEMBER. MEET THE CONTRACTOR.

Details to follow soon.

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Woodmen Road Project Facts

The Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project will relieve traffic congestion in an area that has seen significant growth over the past few decades. Because it is in an urbanized area, simply expanding the roadway was not an option without displacing many homes and businesses. The project has been designed to carry traffic volumes that are projected to increase over the next 25 years. When this phase of the construction

project is completed, Woodmen Road will have:

- Three continuous lanes in each direction with bicycle lanes and sidewalks in each direction.
- A grade separated interchange at Woodmen Road and Academy Boulevard, the location where the corridor experiences the heaviest traffic volumes
- Landscaping, attractive walls, and other treatments designed to improve the aesthetics along the corridor and a unifying corridor theme
- Better access management for properties that front Woodmen Road to improve safety

Woodmen Road will be expanded to include three continuous lanes in each direction, bike lanes, and pedestrian accommodations.



Like most of the front-range cities, Colorado Springs main travel routes are oriented north and south, parallel to the mountains. Inadequate east-west roadways throughout the city have caused congestion and delays for many years. Implementing the improvements along Woodmen Road, Austin Bluffs Parkway as well as the impending Milton E. Proby Parkway – all east-west corridors – will serve to greatly improve travel in Colorado Springs.

Choosing The Right Contractor

Colorado Springs has matured enough as a city that it is now implementing many significant projects in urbanized areas. This is usually more disruptive than project construction at the city's edge. The City has, therefore, taken great care to select a contractor that understands citizen and business concerns and can work with them to minimize disruption. To that end, the contractor selection process is

geared to include criterion called "best overall value and quality." Unlike easier projects that are often awarded to the lowest bidder, the contractor chosen for the Woodmen Road Project will need to demonstrate that they bring the best value along with high standards of construction and that they understand the sensitivities of working where people live, work, and commute.

Once the contractor is chosen in August, they will be working closely with the City to build on the strong relationships established during the environmental and design Process. There will be extensive public involvement so that people are aware of the project's time line, phases, disruptions, and other project aspects.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long will the construction last?

We will have a defined answer to this once the contractor is on board and has refined his construction plans. The City estimates that it will take approximately 2½ years, but will be further defined after contractor selection. Woodmen Road and Academy Boulevard will maintain at least two lanes open and Academy Boulevard will maintain three during the day for the duration of the project. During the beginning and end of this time, much of the work is off of the roadway with little or no impact to travel.

What about neighborhood access during construction?

As with the business access, neighborhood access will be maintained throughout the construction project.

When will the landscaping be installed?

Generally, landscaping is one of the last stages of construction. This is the type of off-roadway work that will likely occur as construction winds down.

Will it be difficult to get to my favorite stores during construction?

There will be access to the businesses throughout the construction period; however, it may not be the existing access that you are used to. Access will be well marked to help you get to your destinations. The city encourages you to continue your patronage of businesses along the corridor during construction and will make access as convenient as possible.



What will the corridor look like when it's done?

The web site has a video that shows the entire corridor including what it will look like to drive under the interchange along Academy Boulevard. It is quite realistic and will give you a sense of what the project will look like when it is complete.

What about noise?

Roadway construction makes noise, but not all the time and not in the same place for the duration of the project. The project team will work with the neighborhoods to alert them to when they might expect excessive noise. To the degree possible, noise will be managed, but it cannot be eliminated.



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Stay tuned for details on the **PUBLIC MEETING**, which will be held in September. Meet the contractor who will discuss project schedule, opportunities for public engagement, and other project aspects.