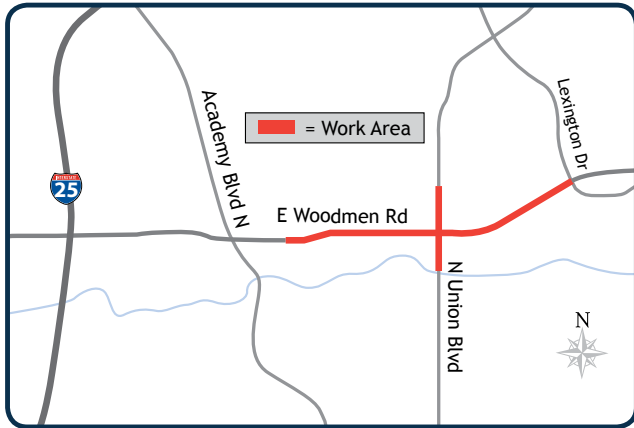


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Quarterly Project Update for Woodmen Road Corridor Improvements Project



Overview

On June 27, 2016, the City of Colorado Springs, in partnership with El Paso County and the Colorado Department of Transportation, began an 18-month project to expand Woodmen Road to six lanes between Stinson Drive and Lexington Drive. The project design also includes reducing the grade, or incline, of Woodmen Road in the area of Lexington Drive. A reduced grade will increase visibility for motorists on Woodmen Road and improve overall traffic safety.

Additional key design features include building a new Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at Woodmen Road and Union Boulevard, as well as adding new medians, turn lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, and landscaping.

Wildcat Construction Company Inc. is the contractor for this \$31 million project, which was funded by the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA), a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the City of Colorado Springs. The estimated completion date is November 2017.

Progress To Date

Work from November 2016 to February 2017 focused on completing underground utility work and installing a major traffic shift at the intersection of Woodmen Road and Union Boulevard. Lanes on Union Boulevard were shifted to the east side of the road. On Woodmen Road, lanes were shifted to the north. Temporary traffic signals were installed at the Union-Woodmen intersection. This traffic shift is required for utility work to take place in the existing intersection and for grade work to occur along Union Boulevard.

North of Woodmen Road, along the west side of Union Boulevard, crews have begun excavation work, removing up to 14 feet of dirt in certain locations. This excavation work is required to reduce the



Excavation along Union Boulevard to reduce road grade

grade, or incline, of the road, to improve visibility and overall safety for motorists traveling throughout the corridor.



Brookwood sound wall under construction

Repairs to the Brookwood sound wall are approximately 80% complete, with crews utilizing special heaters in order to perform temperature-sensitive work on the wall.

In addition to wall work and utility work, crews have also accomplished the following:

- Opened access to a new road, Blue Bell Hills Drive, for a group of homes north of Woodmen Road.
- Continued construction of the 2000-foot retaining wall along Cindy Place
- Continued installation of new storm sewer lines

Future Work

With spring approaching and temperatures on the rise, crews will shift their focus from underground utility work to building new roadway. Over the next three months, the public can expect the corridor to undergo a visual transformation as crews begin to pour permanent concrete and pave new asphalt on Union Boulevard, north of Woodmen Road. Crews will also begin work to reduce the elevation of the Union Boulevard-Woodmen Road intersection by three feet.

In late February, crews will complete the installation of a 42" waterline, *(continued on other side)*



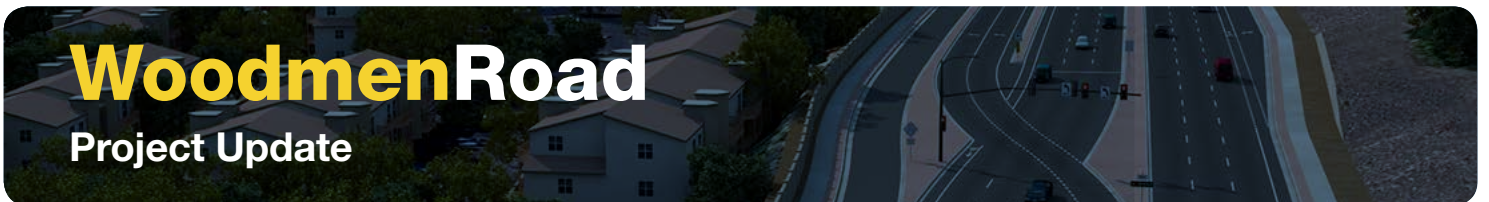
Installation of 42" water line

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as well as new waterline vaults and instrumentation panels beneath the intersection of Woodmen Road and Union Boulevard.

Project activities from February to May 2017 will also include:

- Grading work on Woodmen Road in the area of Lexington Drive
- Installation of retaining walls along Woodmen Road east of Union Boulevard
- Continued construction of 2000-foot retaining wall along Cindy Place
- Completion of Brookwood sound wall height extension
- Continued storm sewer and utility work



Excavation to prepare for retaining wall installation on Woodmen Road

Traffic Impacts

More traffic impacts can be expected as the project site continues to expand. Motorists should expect delays of ten to fifteen minutes. Crews will continue to maintain four through lanes. Right turn lanes will be maintained when possible. Business and residential access will be maintained. Please use caution and stay alert while traveling through the construction zone. Follow flaggers' directions and posted speed limits. Normal working hours will be Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with some nighttime and weekend work as needed. Lane closures will occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., with certain closures in place 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week for the next several months.

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If you have questions about the project, contact the public information team. You will receive a response within 24 business hours.

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