

## I-70 B Reconstruction Project Update

To All:

Here is an listing of activity on the project for the next week. **Businesses in the Grand Mesa Center should pay close attention to item #1 of the road work section:**

### Utility Work:

1. On the north side, crews will be doing line work (i.e. pulling wire and connecting customers to the new underground transmission lines) at Shiners. Some of this work will be done at night to avoid conflict with Shiners business hours.
2. Work on the common utility trench on the south side is continuing. Work has been slowed down by the very unstable and loose soils that are being encountered. These soils are requiring significant compaction to properly bury the lines in the common trench. As such, work is progressing at only about 100+ feet per day. Crews are moving east and have moved past the Old Circuit City building. The contractor now anticipates the common trench to be completed to 24 ¾ Rd, in two to three weeks depending on soil conditions.
3. Trenching and line work is also being conducted in the Office Depot parking lot. This work will connect the Office Depot building to the new electric and gas lines.

### Road Work:

1. **Work will also continue on the storm sewer around the 24 ¾ Rd. intersection. Part of this work will involve a NIGHT CLOSURE OF 24 ¾ RD. JUST NORTH OF HIGHWAY 6 & 50. The closure is required to cross 24 ¾ Rd. with the storm sewer and irrigation lines. THIS CLOSURE IS SCHEDULED TO OCCUR THURSDAY NIGHT (9/16) AT 9:00PM AND GO TO FRIDAY MORNING (9/17) AT 6:00AM.**

2. Poles for the new traffic lights will be installed through Thursday of next week (9/29);
3. Work will also be conducted on removal of bad soils and replacement with better sub-base material (known as "over-excavation") and placement of Class 6 road base in preparation of paving. The intersections along the north side of Highways 6 & 50 and the frontage roads have been milled in anticipation of paving.
4. Weather permitting, concrete paving operations will begin next Wednesday, 9/29. The paving crews will start at the east end of the project with the through travel lanes and work towards Mesa Mall. The crews will pour concrete continuously using a large paving machine. Accesses to businesses and main roadways will be maintained by skipping those intersections with the initial paving operations and coming back to pave the intersections separately. Traffic will be maintained at the intersections by shifting traffic lanes onto the new concrete pavement before paving the intersections. Concrete operations are expected to last for 2 to 3 weeks to about the middle of October. Traffic will then be switched over to the new concrete driving lanes and work will shift to the south side (Phase 2).
5. As you may have already noticed, left turns for eastbound traffic have been discontinued at the Mesa Mall entrance and at 24 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Rd (Grand Mesa Center). Detour routes have been established and signage has been placed to direct people to the Mesa Mall and Grand Mesa Center while the left hand turn lanes are closed. The left hand turn lanes will reopen after paving operations are complete.

Thanks. As always, the schedules presented are subject to possible delays due to weather and unforeseen conditions. Please contact me if you have any questions or need any further information about the project.

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