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I-70B Reconstruction Project Update

Eastbound Through Lanes:

Crews have begun sawing and sealing the pavement on the eastbound lanes. This work is expected to take until a week from Friday (5/6/11). In addition, striping crews will be placing the permanent striping and markings for the lanes. This work requires the new concrete pavement to be grooved before the pavement markings are placed. Crews will be conducting the work through next Tuesday (5/3/11). Most of the grinding and pavement marking will occur at night so as to reduce impacts to traffic. Once this work is complete, we will be ready to switch traffic over to the eastbound lanes. I should have more details on the traffic switch next week.

During the time that the eastbound lanes are under construction, two through lanes in each direction will be located on the north side of the highway. Although no left turn lanes will be provided, left turns off of Highway 6 & 50 (I-70B) will be allowed from the left through lane. Right turns will work the same way from the right through lane until the eastbound lanes are reopened.

Median Work:

No work on the median is expected this week.

North Frontage Road:

The retaining wall on the south side of the parking lot at the Valley View Plaza will continue. Work on the wall will continue through May 6th (a week from Friday). Tie-ins to the entrances and driveways along the frontage road will also continue through a week from this Friday (5/6/11).

South Frontage Road:

Crews will continue forming and pouring the retaining walls along the south side of the frontage road through next Tuesday (5/3/11). Accesses and driveways along the south frontage road will also be tie-in to the new concrete lanes.

Sidewalks:

Grading for the sidewalks will continue to take place this week through a week from this Friday (5/6/11).

Landscaping and Streetscape:

Landscape crews have begun work on the north side of the project and will start on the south side near Centennial RV this week. Landscaping work will be ongoing on the project until it is completed.

Electric crews will be working on street lighting and crosswalk lighting throughout the project area. This week their work will concentrate on placing pedestrian lighting, work on traffic signals, and placement of the cameras on the signals.

That's the update for this week. Remember that the schedule described above is dependent on favorable conditions and could be delayed if the weather turns bad or machinery breaks down.