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**CDOT: Military Access, Mobility & Safety Improvements Project
South I-25 / CO94 / S. Academy Boulevard / Charter Oak Ranch Road**

January 2022 Newsletter

The Military Access, Mobility & Safety Improvement Project (MAMSIP) focuses on enhancing connectivity and accessibility in and around Colorado Springs, particularly safer mobility along I-25, Colorado Highway 94, South Academy Boulevard, and Charter Oak Ranch Road. The completion of MAMSIP will strengthen and enhance the redundancy of strategic movement between the nationally significant El Paso County military installations of Fort Carson, Peterson Space Force Base, Cheyenne Mountain Space Force Station, and Schriever Space Force Base. Construction of the four components of the MAMSIP Project are progressing.

Below is a recap of the accomplishments of each of the components and what the traveling public can expect in January 2022.

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Interstate-25 Rehabilitation

Crews will install median barriers on a 7.5-mile stretch of I-25 between the exits at South Academy Boulevard and Santa Fe Avenue. Other work includes concrete surface treatment to provide an improved riding surface for this 7.5 mile segment, widening the inside and outside shoulders to 12 feet, replacing two bridges across South Academy, work on four other bridges and installing infrastructure to support transportation technologies.

2021 Accomplishments

- Installation of advance warning signs on I-25 and South Academy Boulevard
- Rumble strip removal
- Begin construction of northbound I-25 emergency pullouts
- Installation of temporary concrete barrier and embankment work
- Emergency paving to fill potholes with asphalt on I-25 between Santa Fe Boulevard and South Academy Boulevard

January 2022 - Upcoming Work

- Striping for lane shift over bridges to allow for crews to widen bridge structures
- Shift northbound I-25 traffic to the east resulting in 2' shoulders and 11' lanes
- Continue setting barrier along northbound I-25
- Bridge work will consist of building access and minor demolition
- Traffic impacts:
 - Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures
 - Speed limit reduction to 55 MPH during construction hours
 - Eleven-foot width lane restrictions



South Academy Boulevard

Crews will widen a section of South Academy Boulevard to three lanes to alleviate recurring congestion. Work will include striping, expanding the road into shoulders, modifying merge lanes and minor bridgework.

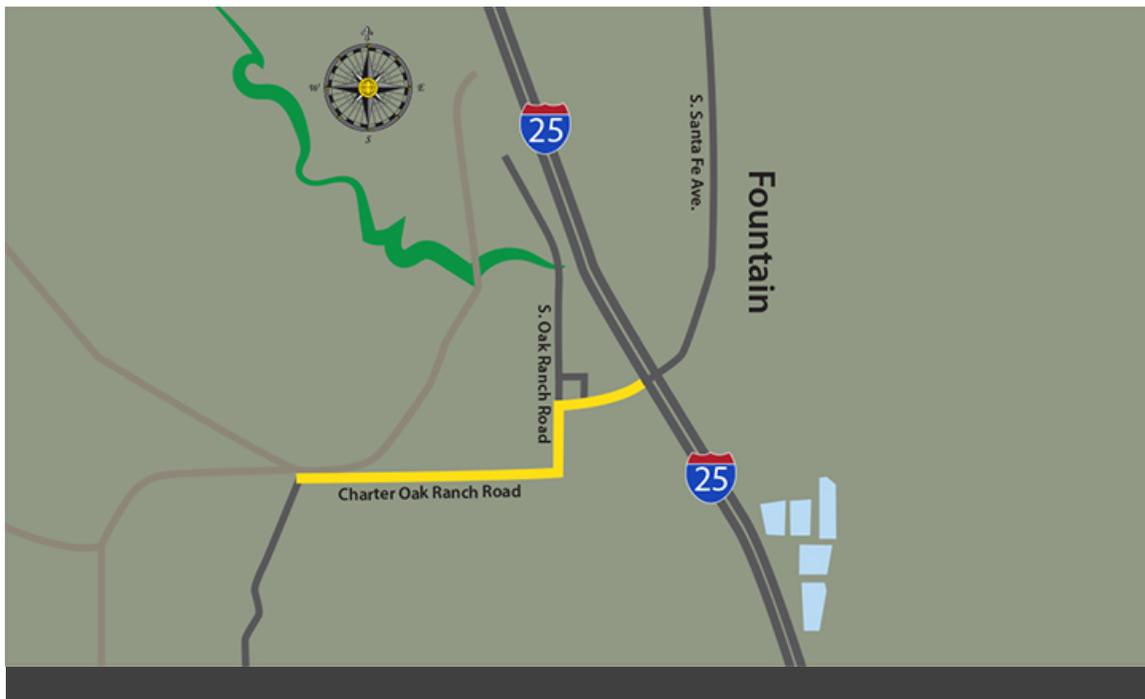
2021 Accomplishments

- Design complete

2022 Upcoming Work

- Restripe South Academy Boulevard
- Begin overhand demolition work at South Academy Boulevard

Crews will be widening South Academy Boulevard along this mile and a half stretch and adding scour protection to improve the resilience of bridges crossing Fountain Creek. Along with abatement treatments and various other infrastructure work, the result will be three dedicated travel lanes in each direction on this section of the corridor.



Charter Oak Ranch Road

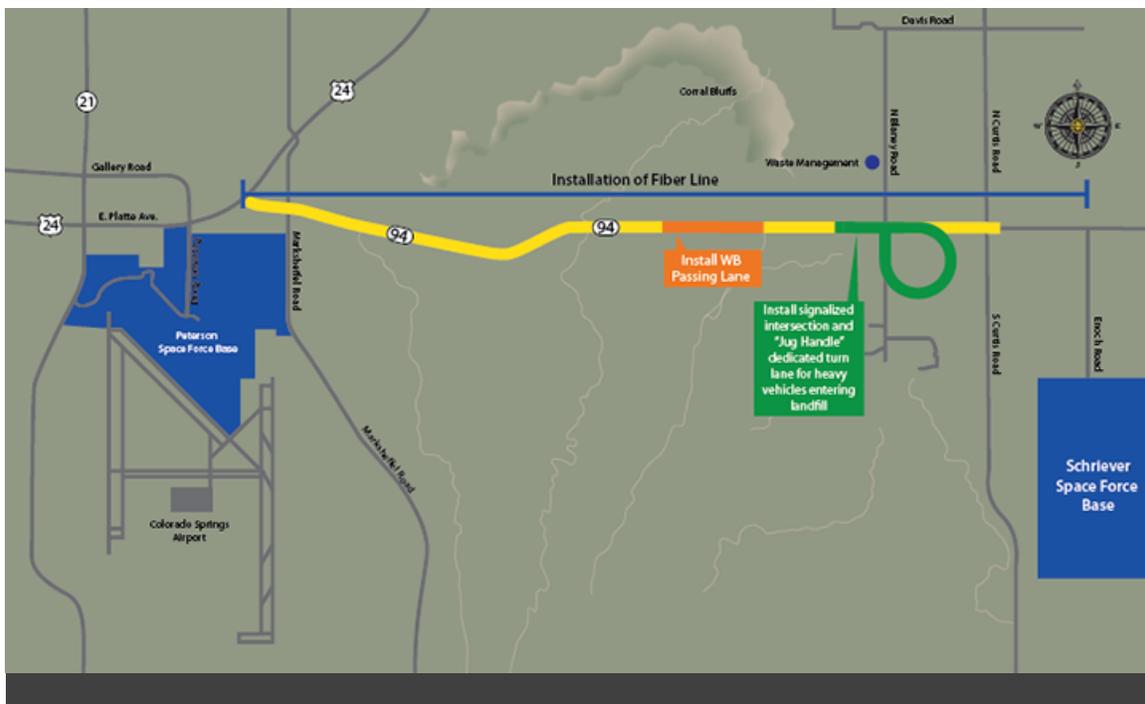
Crews will improve the Charter Oak Ranch Road and Santa Fe Avenue intersection, reconstructing the roadway to Gate 19 of Fort Carson.

2021 Accomplishments

- Design complete

January 2022 - Upcoming Work

- Beginning January 3, work will begin on Charter Oak Ranch Road between Santa Fe Avenue and Fort Carson Gate 19.
 - Advance warning sign installation
 - Initial erosion control installation
 - Clear and grub
 - Waterline relocation
- Traffic impacts: Motorists should expect to see intermittent single lane closures Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Flaggers will be available to assist motorists as needed. These lane closures will continue intermittently through spring 2022 to complete the following work.



Colorado Highway 94

Crews built an approximate one mile-long passing lane on westbound CO 94 at mile point (MP) 5.5 to improve visibility and allow vehicles to safely pass along this stretch of highway. An eastbound turn lane will be added between North Franceville Coal Mine Road and Blaney Road, and a signalized "jug handle" intersection will be installed at Blaney Road, thereby removing slow moving traffic from the passing lane, and greatly improving efficiency of eastbound traffic.

2021 Accomplishments

- Phase 1 – Complete

Addition of a westbound passing lane, increasing efficiency and safety conditions between North Franceville Coal Mine Road and Jimmy Camp Creek, installation of fiber optic cables from US 24 to Enoch Road, and installation of 'Intelligent Transportation System' elements along the corridor to enable high speed communications for future planned development.

Phase 2 - Design work complete

2022 Upcoming Work

- Phase 2 - Construction begins spring 2022. Work will begin on the Colorado Highway 94 signalized “jug handle” intersection at Blaney Road, thereby removing slow moving traffic from the passing lane, and greatly improving efficiency of eastbound traffic. The safety enhancements relate to the potential to reduce crashes, improve infrastructure, and address physical deficiencies that contribute to crashes in the corridor. New CCTV (cameras) will be installed at the intersection of Marksheffel Road and CO 94 and also at Enoch Road and 94.

TRAFFIC INFORMATION

- All work is weather-dependent and will be rescheduled if operations cannot be completed.
- Alternate routes are advised.
- Traffic fines will be doubled in the work zone. Motorists should slow down as they approach the work zones, drive with caution, allow extra space between vehicles, and allow extra travel time.

PROJECT FACTS

Goal: Military Access, Mobility & Safety Improvement Project will improve safety, efficiency, economic vitality, and reinforce strategic mobility throughout west and south Colorado Springs.

Cost: \$161 million, with contributions from Colorado Department of Transportation, El Paso County, Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, and a federal BUILD grant.

Contractor: SEMA Construction, Inc.

Timeline: Completion scheduled for last quarter of 2024

Location: El Paso County, Colorado Springs, CO

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