

# Highway 105A Construction UPDATE

November 13, 2024



## Highway 105 Project Nears Major Milestone, Reopens Prior to Holidays

You may have seen that the Highway 105 project construction team has removed significant traffic control devices to allow for the opening of Highway 105 in advance of the holiday season. The speed limit on Highway 105 through the project has also been increased from 20 MPH to 30 MPH. While major construction activities as well as asphalt and striping work are completed, *there are still several tasks that remain.*

For the next few weeks, traffic will continue to be shifted to travel in the inner lanes as the team concentrates on final shoulder grading, finishing the sidewalks, and landscaping work. The daily lane closures will be reopened each evening.

With many of the traffic control devices removed, there will be a tendency to drive faster. Please adhere to the speed limit of 30MPH as the area is still an active construction zone with crews at work. Please continue to exercise caution while driving through the project area for your safety and for that of the construction crews who are still actively working in the outer lanes.

We are continually monitoring traffic control and making changes as needed to minimize impacts as much as possible.

## Milestones to Date

As the Highway 105 project approaches its final stages, here is a summary of major accomplishments:

- Highway 105 has been widened from just east of Jackson Creek Parkway to Lake Woodmoor Drive, to include two lanes in each direction with left and right-turn lanes.
- Three retaining walls were constructed to accommodate the road widening.
- A new roundabout at the Knollwood Drive and Village Ridge Point intersection was constructed.
- The traffic signal at Knollwood Drive was replaced.
- A new underground drainage system and water-quality pond were constructed.
- Significant utility work and relocations were completed.
- In addition, the queuing lanes around Monument Academy and associated retaining walls were completed to help address the flow of vehicles dropping off/picking up students.

The completed project will provide greater mobility by accommodating more traffic and includes multi-use shoulders, pedestrian improvements, and sidewalk connectivity. The new roundabout, coupled with new queuing lanes constructed by Monument Academy, will keep traffic moving and reduce the traffic backups on Highway 105 that have previously occurred in this area.

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## The Project Now Transitions to Development Driven Construction at the Jackson Creek Parkway and Highway 105 intersection

While the Highway 105 project is anticipated to be completed by the start of the new year, weather and resource-dependent, construction will now shift focus to the Classic Homes work at the intersection of Jackson Creek Parkway and Highway 105. Work mandated by the Town of Monument, El Paso County, and the Colorado Department of Transportation, will provide capacity and improve traffic flow for commuter traffic and the development along Jackson Creek Parkway. Work taking place at this intersection will involve the relocation of utilities, the installation of new traffic signals at Fat Tire Drive on Jackson Creek Parkway, as well as new signals at the junction of Jackson Creek Parkway and Highway 105. Furthermore, a retaining wall will be constructed, and all three legs of the Jackson Creek Parkway and Highway 105 intersection will be widened. Wildcat Construction has been contracted by Monument Junction Metropolitan District to perform the intersection work.

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## Future Widening of Jackson Creek Parkway

The Town of Monument's project to widen Jackson Creek Parkway from Higby Road to Highway 105 is currently under design and the Town is actively looking for funding. The design will further develop roadway geometry that addresses functionality, slope stability, and drainage. The project will also include wider shoulders, medians, sidewalks, and water quality features. Dark sky lighting and Town of Monument gateway features will be

included, as well as requirements for utilizing Federal Funding (such as inclusion of bike lanes) to design and construct the project. Construction is dependent on securing funding, so has not been scheduled.

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***The estimated schedules are based on the best information available at this time and is weather and resource-dependent.***

**This will be the last newsletter directly related to the Highway 105A project. Future newsletters will transition to Monument Junction Metropolitan District.**

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Hwy 105a: <http://EPC-Hwy105AConstruction.com/>

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