

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Manitou Avenue from Beckers Lane to Crystal Hills Boulevard Closed May 17 and May 18 for Installation of New Sanitary Line

Please Slow Down and Pay Attention While Driving Through the Construction Zone

(This is an active construction area with no sidewalks. Please be patient and mindful of pedestrians, bicyclists, school children and construction workers)

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On Wednesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 18, Manitou Avenue from Beckers Lane to Crystal Hills Boulevard will be closed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Access to businesses within the closure area will be maintained via flaggers.

Detours:

Eastbound motorists will be detoured north on Beckers Lane to El Paso Boulevard, then east on El Paso Boulevard to Columbia Road, where they can then head south to the intersection of Manitou Avenue.

Westbound motorists will be detoured south on Crystal Hills Boulevard to Sutherland Road, then west on Sutherland Road to Crystal Park Road, where they can then head north to the intersection of Manitou Avenue.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Saturday Work to Occur May 20

On Saturday, May 20 crews will be performing storm sewer and waterline installations and also paving the closed center lanes of Manitou Avenue in the area of Crystal Hills Boulevard. Completing this weekend work will allow crews to reopen additional lanes of traffic prior to the Memorial Day weekend.

For The Week of May 21

Construction schedules are subject to change based on weather/unforeseen construction circumstances. Current project work hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Inner Left Lanes of Manitou Avenue Closed

Utility construction work will be occurring on West Colorado/Manitou Avenue between the Manitou Springs sign and the US 24 overpass. Installation of the main trunk lines in the roadway are expected to be completed before Memorial Day. This construction requires the closure of portions of the inner left lanes in both directions along West Colorado/Manitou Avenue while construction crews install new storm and water mains. These temporary closures will, at times, impact the ability to make mid-block left turns into businesses across the closed portions. Left turns can still be made at the intersections. **Businesses are open and your patronage is encouraged.**

Optional Detour: Motorists wishing to by-pass the construction area are encouraged to do so using El Paso Boulevard and Pikes Peak Avenue if possible to avoid delays. The detour route can be accessed at Beckers Lane within the construction corridor. **Please drive the speed limit and watch for pedestrians and cyclists.**

Traffic Reduced to a Single Lane with Flagger on Manitou Avenue

During the active construction on Manitou Avenue, from the Mel-Haven Lodge to the Days Inn, local eastbound and westbound traffic will be shifted into a single lane on the north side of the road with a flagger in place to alternate westbound and eastbound travel around the construction.

Crossings will be maintained at business locations in this area.

The eastbound lane will be reopened each evening when construction is not occurring.

Storm Sewer and Water Line Work Update

Storm sewer line and water main trunk line installations on Manitou Avenue are expected to be completed by the end of May. The current single lane traffic configuration under flagger control during the active construction will continue through the completion of that work. Following this utility installation work, the long center lane trench on Manitou Avenue will be paved over with temporary pavement.

Work on the sewer lines will continue for the next several months but will move to permanent easements located off of the roadway in order to construct the outfall and create line connections to the existing ditch along Crystal Hills Boulevard. Work on Manitou Avenue will still be occurring but will be more localized to connect existing services to the new water main and to install the new sanitary line in the vicinity of Becker's Lane.

The current single lane traffic configuration on Manitou Avenue in the area of Crystal Hills Boulevard will not be in place for the entirety of the next three months, but will be utilized as needed.

The current lane closures and traffic configurations are described below.

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For your safety and that of the construction workers, please pay close attention when driving through the project construction zone.

Observe speed limits, avoid distractions, and allow extra time for your commute.

Project Background:

The Westside Avenue Action Plan (WAAP) is a multi-jurisdictional infrastructure improvements project to improve safety and mobility and provide a long-range economic vision for the 1.5 mile corridor between the two vibrant historic districts of Old Colorado City and Manitou Springs, from 31st Street to the U.S. 24 Interchange

Construction Phase began January 2017 and is expected to be complete in December 2018.

The \$30.9 million project is funded through the voter-approved Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority.

How Can I Receive these Traffic Advisories?

Sign up for periodic project updates by sending an email to MSprings@PublicInfoTeam.com

Project information is available at: www.WestsideAvenuePlan.com

A telephone hotline is also available at 719-301-3801