

## Traffic Advisory – Week of August 5

August 6 - 11: Monday through Saturday, construction work will have the following traffic impacts on Manitou / W. Colorado Avenue:

- All traffic will be on the north side of W. Colorado Avenue from Ridge Road to west of the bridge over Fountain Creek. Traffic will be one lane alternating traffic controlled by flaggers across the bridge, as required, during active construction work, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (weather permitting). During non-work hours, one lane in each direction will be open.
- Traffic will be on the north side of Colorado Avenue from just east of Ridge Road to 32<sup>nd</sup> Street for gas line work by Colorado Springs Utilities. Traffic will be one-lane in each direction. Access to local business will be maintained.
- Columbia Road is closed through mid-September from Colorado Avenue to Pikes Peak Avenue 24-hours-per-day for utility and roadway work. To detour around this closure, take 36<sup>th</sup> Street or Beckers Lane to Pikes Peak Avenue to access Columbia Road.
- Ridge Road is temporarily closed until mid-September between Colorado Avenue and US 24 for utility work, grading, curb & gutter and paving. Access to local business adjacent to Ridge Road will be maintained. Flaggers and direction signs will be present to direct the public around the closure. Please use either the US 24 interchange or 31<sup>st</sup> Street to detour around this closure.
- The Columbia Road entrance to the Garden of the Gods RV Resort will be closed between 7am to 7pm for roadwork. During this time please use the entrance located just west of Columbia Road on Pikes Peak Avenue.

**Ridge Road Closure:** Ridge Road is permanently closed between W. Pikes Peak Avenue and W. Colorado Avenue where a permanent pedestrian and bike plaza will be constructed. W. Pikes Peak Avenue can be accessed from Manitou/Colorado Avenue via S. 36<sup>th</sup> or S. 34<sup>th</sup> Streets or Columbia Road depending on timing of their respective closures.

### **Midland Trail Closure**

The Midland Trail is closed through Fall 2018 from Beckers Lane to Columbia Road for construction. The signed detour route is to use El Paso Boulevard via either Columbia Road/36<sup>th</sup> Street or Beckers Lane to connect back to the Midland Trail. During the Ridge Road temporary closure, the trail is also closed between 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Ridge Road. Please follow the signed detour for your safety.

Temporary gravel pedestrian path on Manitou Avenue: Sidewalks on the north side are temporarily closed for removal in preparation for installation of underground electric and communication facilities. There is now a temporary gravel surface area behind the curb on the south side of Manitou Avenue between the Loaf n' Jug and Santa Fe Motel for pedestrian use for safer travel during construction.

Business access in the construction zone will be maintained, and some driveways will be controlled by flaggers.

**Storm Event:** This past week's historic storm flood event in the local area has impacted Fountain Creek in the vicinity of the Westside Avenue Action Plan project construction. Per U.S. Geological Survey Stream Gauge Flow Data, Fountain Creek flows rose in a five-hour period on Monday, July 23 from 6.5 cubic feet per second (cfs) at 4:30 p.m. to a peak of 1640 cfs at 5:05 p.m. This is 736,085 gallons per minute (gpm). For comparison, the July historic average flow is 21 cfs. This is an **extremely high intensity storm over a very short duration**. These types of storms are what cause flash flooding events. This storm represents the fourth largest peak flow recorded. The last time there was a higher peak flow was in 1997.

**Property Damage:** The flood event has left some properties with debris cleanup and water damage. Any property owner wanting to make a damage claim, demand or grievance as a result of this historic weather condition through the WAAP construction zone should first **call your insurance company for guidance. Have your insurance company call the WAAP project hotline** to log the call: 719-301-3801

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**This is an active construction area with no sidewalks. Slow down, avoid distractions, and pay attention while driving through the Construction Zone. Please be patient and mindful of pedestrians, bicyclists, school children and construction workers. Allow extra time for your commute. Plan for an average delay of 10 minutes during working hours. Delays can be up to 15 minutes long.**

**Optional detours are in place but businesses are open.  
— SPEED LIMITS ENFORCED —**

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#### **WAAP Video Update July 6**

<https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoCountyCO/videos/1750459261712144/>

#### **July 2018 Flood Video**

<https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoCountyCO/videos/1778632828894787/>

To submit suggestions for future video segments, send an email to: [GregDingrando@elpasoco.com](mailto:GregDingrando@elpasoco.com)

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Sign up for periodic project updates by sending an email to [MSprings@PublicInfoTeam.com](mailto:MSprings@PublicInfoTeam.com)

Project information: [www.WestsideAvenuePlan.com](http://www.WestsideAvenuePlan.com)

Telephone hotline: 719-301-3801

