

Highway 105A Construction UPDATE

September 5, 2023

Highway (Hwy) 105 traffic shift to south side lanes expands East

Over the weekend of Saturday, Sept. 9 & Sunday, Sept. 10 construction traffic control will be undergoing modifications and preparing for the Knollwood closure.

Construction Traffic Control Modification

The traffic shift to the south side lanes between Jackson Creek Parkway and Knollwood will expand east to approximately Lake Woodmoor Drive. This traffic shift will remain in place for approximately one year to allow crews to work on the north side lanes of Hwy 105.

Effective Monday, Sept. 11 Knollwood, between Hwy 105 and South Park Drive, will be fully closed through approximately January 2024 to enable crews to efficiently construct a roundabout at the Knollwood / Village Ridge Point intersection. In addition to traffic control devices, a temporary mobile traffic signal will be placed at the Hwy 105 / LDS Church intersection, and the project team will be optimizing signal timing at the Knollwood / Hwy 105 intersection.

The estimated schedule is based on the best information available at this time and is weather/resource-dependent.

Traffic wanting to access Monument Academy, Integrity Bank, and Premier Vision will be directed to use the new paved temporary access to Village Ridge Point off of Hwy 105, just east of Integrity Bank.

To ACCESS Village Ridge Point: use the paved temporary access onto Village Ridge Point

- **If heading eastbound on Hwy 105:** at the Knollwood and Hwy 105 traffic signal, use the left turn lane, veer left on Hwy 105 to the *north* side of the westbound through lane. Turn left onto the new temporary paved access on Highway 105 to Village Ridge Point. To access Monument Academy, turn right on Village Ridge Point and remain in the left/northerly lane.
- **If heading westbound on Hwy 105:** enter the westbound right turn lane on Hwy 105 just west of the LDS Church driveway/Morning Canyon Road, and turn right onto the new temporary paved access onto Village Ridge Point. To access Monument Academy, turn right on Village Ridge Point and remain in the right/southerly lane.

To EXIT Village Ridge Point:

- **During school drop-off/pick-up times (see school schedule below)** all traffic will head east and go through the Monument Academy property to exit through the west LDS Church Driveway and turn right or left onto Hwy 105. *Use the temporary traffic signal.*
- **During non-school drop-off/pick-up times:** use the newly paved temporary access, and turn right only onto Highway 105 (you will *not* be able to turn left onto Hwy 105).
- Only Integrity Bank and Premier Vision traffic will be allowed to exit on the temporary paved access.

To ACCESS Village Center Subdivision:

- **From Hwy 105 to Morning Canyon Road:** All traffic must enter from eastbound Hwy 105 and turn *right-in only*. Westbound Hwy 105 to southbound left turns will NOT be allowed.
- **From Knollwood:** Unchanged from existing access traffic pattern.

To EXIT Village Center Subdivision:

- **From Morning Canyon Road to Hwy 105:** All northbound traffic must turn *right out only* onto eastbound Hwy 105. Northbound left turns to westbound Hwy 105 will NOT be allowed. Northbound access to the LDS Church will NOT be allowed.
- **To Knollwood:** Unchanged from existing access traffic pattern. All traffic wanting to go westbound on Hwy 105 must use Knollwood. All traffic that wishes to access Village Ridge Point and the LDS Church must use Knollwood.

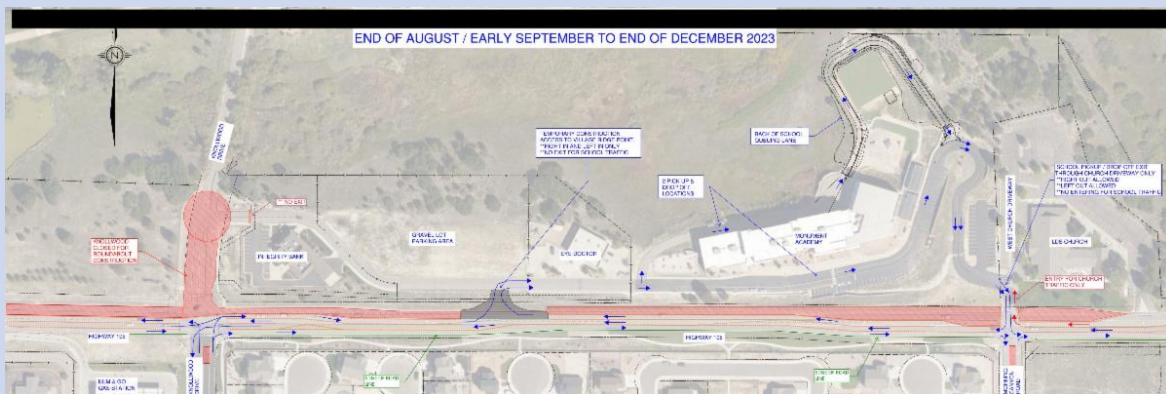
To ACCESS the LDS Church:

- **Monday through Saturday:** All traffic must enter from westbound Hwy 105 and turn *right-in only*. Eastbound left turns from Hwy 105 will NOT be allowed.
- **Sundays only:** Westbound Hwy 105 traffic will turn right-in, and eastbound Hwy 105 traffic will be allowed to turn left-in. *Use the temporary traffic signal.*
- To access the LDS Church from Knollwood Dr. south of Hwy 105: use the signed detour to Lake Woodmoor Drive, re-access Hwy 105 further to the east, and make a right turn to the LDS Church.

To EXIT the LDS Church:

- Traffic may turn left-out or right-out. *Use the temporary traffic signal.*

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The map above depicts the new Hwy 105 construction and Monument Academy school circulation traffic configuration

NOTE: Starting Monday, Sept 11. Knollwood section closes, new paved temporary access to Village Ridge Point opens, and Monument Academy queuing lane behind the school opens.

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

ALTERNATE ROUTES DURING MONUMENT ACADEMY SCHOOL DROP-OFF / PICK-UP TIMES ARE HIGHLY ADVISED.

- **Mondays – Thursdays: 7 – 8:30 a.m. and 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.**
- **Fridays: 7 – 8:30 a.m. and 11:45 – 12:45 p.m.**

Reminder: Navigating Merged Lanes

(Eastbound on Hwy 105, west of Jackson Creek Pkwy)

There are two lanes on Hwy 105 heading eastbound. Continue to drive in open lanes equally. Just before the lane ends, motorists should take turns carefully merging zipper fashion into the open lanes just before the point of closure. (See tips for “How a Zipper Merge Works” below)

- The southerly eastbound lane on Hwy 105 is *Right Turn Only* west of Jackson Creek Parkway (JCP). Vehicles in the right turn lane must turn right onto southbound JCP.

- Traffic continuing eastbound through the (JCP) intersection will stay left or merge left between the I25 off-ramp and JCP.

Thank you for this and for your ongoing courtesy to other drivers trying to merge.

Check out this short CDOT video on merging. <https://www.codot.gov/travel/zippermerge>

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

Nightwork on Hwy 105 continues periodically throughout the project.

Other work: Here's what crews have been doing this week:

- Preparation for Sept 9 & 10 Knollwood closure and traffic shift
- Water quality pond excavation (ongoing)
- Storm sewer pipe, waterline/utility work (ongoing)

Construction of Hwy 105 improvements will continue early into 2025.

For the safety of the traveling public and construction crews:

1. Please slow down and pay attention to signs and traffic control.
2. Watch for workers and vehicles in the construction zone.
3. Adhere to posted speed limit signs.
4. Be considerate to drivers wanting to merge in.
5. Your patience is greatly appreciated!
6. Slower traffic is the best way to avoid accidents. But, if an accident does occur within the construction zone, and it is safe to do so, please stay out of the road and traffic; try to pull over and get to a side road.

[CLICK TO VIEW MAP](#)

Hwy105A Construction and Monument Junction Interim JCP Improvements

Prior versions of the enewsletters and the project map are available on

Project Websites:

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

Jackson Creek: <https://www.jacksoncreekpkwy.com/>

MULTIPLE ROADWAY AND UTILITY PROJECTS

There are multiple roadway and utility projects both underway and planned for this area of the community being led by different jurisdictions. The project teams are coordinating efforts to minimize impacts to the traveling public as much as is possible.



Monument Junction Interim Improvements (Project A) – Classic Homes (Construction completion: anticipated for late summer 2023)

Paving operations for Phase 1 (east side, northbound lane of Jackson Creek Parkway). This “Interim” project by Classic Homes and contractor Wildcat Construction will see approximately 2,600 linear feet of Jackson Creek Parkway street improvements including widening for several new turn lanes, drive access to development areas, signage, and striping.

The project team is pouring curb and gutter this week and will be completing its paving operations next week. Striping operations will follow with an anticipated project completion by mid- to late-September

Highway 105A Construction (Project B) – El Paso County (Construction duration: July 24, 2023 – expected to continue into 2025)

The project extends the 4-lane section of Highway 105 just east of Jackson Creek Parkway to Lake Woodmoor Drive, providing for greater mobility by accommodating more traffic. The new configuration will be two lanes in each direction with left and right turn lanes. The project also includes multi-use shoulders and pedestrian improvements, sidewalk connectivity, replacement of the traffic signal at Knollwood Boulevard, a new underground drainage system, and water quality pond, and a new roundabout at the Knollwood/Village Ridge Point intersection.

The new roundabout coupled with new queuing lanes being constructed by Monument Academy are designed to keep traffic moving and reduce the traffic backups on Highway 105 that have previously occurred in this area.

Jackson Creek Parkway Widening (Project E) – Town of Monument (Construction duration, expected late 2024 - 2026)

This project, currently in design, will expand Jackson Creek Parkway from one lane in each direction to two lanes in each direction (from Higby Road north to Highway 105), extending the four-lane configuration. Also included are drainage improvements, median landscaping, pedestrian and bike pathways, and “Gateway” treatments.

Stay Informed

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