

Highway 105A Construction UPDATE

December 21, 2023

Knollwood north of Highway 105 set to reopen late December 22

The Highway 105 project team plans to reopen Knollwood, north of Hwy. 105 on Dec. 22, ahead of schedule. The new roundabout at the intersection of Knollwood and Village Ridge Point will be in place and operational although some construction work will continue. Please adhere to protocols for driving through a roundabout, noted below.

The temporary paved access to Village Ridge Point off of Hwy. 105, just east of Integrity Bank, will be closed, and the temporary traffic signals at the intersection of Hwy. 105 and Morning Canyon/LDS Church will be removed during the week of Dec. 25, 2023. They are only in operational Signal mode on Sundays at this time and will be removed soon after Christmas Day. Businesses on Village Ridge Point and Monument Academy school traffic will enter and exit along Village Ridge Point at Knollwood as they did prior to construction.



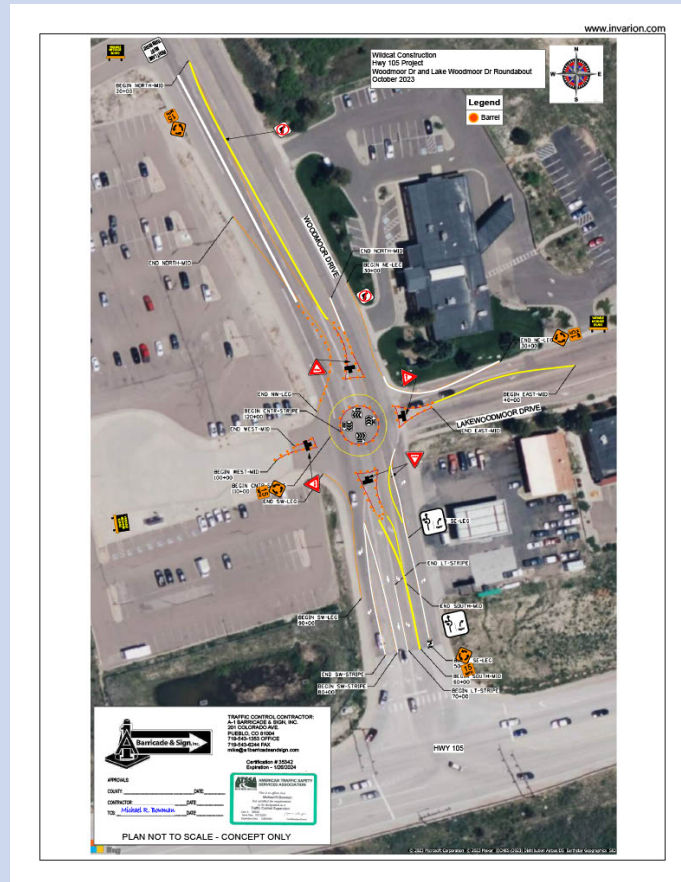
Progress photo of new roundabout at Knollwood and Village Ridge Point

Temporary roundabout operations at Lake Woodmoor Drive & Woodmoor Drive intersection remains in place

Although Knollwood, north of Hwy. 105, will be reopened, the temporary roundabout at Lake Woodmoor Drive and Woodmoor Drive will remain in place for the time being. The project team is continuing to monitor traffic flow through the roundabout and to maximize efficiencies for the traveling public in *all* directions.

At various times of the day, traffic volumes continue to make it difficult for drivers to exit Lake Woodmoor Drive and head south on Woodmoor Drive. The temporary, one-lane roundabout is helping to assist with traffic flow in the area. The roundabout is marked with a combination of road striping and orange construction drums. The dual left turn from eastbound Hwy. 105 to northbound Woodmoor Drive will remain in place, *but* the easterly northbound lane on Woodmoor Drive will be for right turns only onto Lake Woodmoor Drive.

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**Location of temporary roundabout
Lake Woodmoor Drive and Woodmoor Drive intersection**

Reminder: How does a roundabout intersection work?

Roundabouts handle large volumes of traffic and also improve safety. Since they prevent left turns across oncoming traffic, crashes are reduced. They keep traffic moving; therefore, reducing backups which can lead to long queue lengths at the intersection.

Roundabouts allow free-flowing turns when entering and exiting. At the dashed yield line, drivers should look to their left and yield to drivers already in the roundabout. Once a gap in traffic appears, drivers merge into the roundabout and proceed to their exit, using their turn signal before exiting.

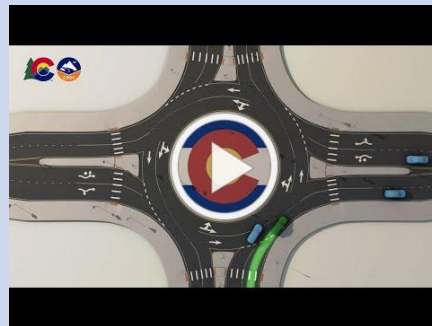
Roundabout Driving Tips: Slow Down, Look Around, Be Ready to Yield

- Before entering the roundabout, check for pedestrians; stay aware and yield to pedestrians before proceeding into the roundabout. Treat cyclists as another vehicle if they are riding on the road. Treat them as pedestrians if they are walking their

bicycle.

- Then look left for traffic already in the roundabout and be ready to yield. Do not stop completely unless existing traffic prevents you from merging.
- When a safe gap is available, merge into roundabout traffic yielding to all approaching traffic on the left that is already navigating the roundabout.
- Go slow and stay in your lane.
- You are now presented with all options: to go right, straight, left, or around the roundabout back to the way you came.
- Maintain a consistent speed in the roundabout and do not stop as that may increase your risk of a crash.
- In the roundabout, pay attention to signage and merging vehicles. You are allowed the right-of-way but pay attention to inexperienced roundabout travelers.
- Also, give busses and trucks space.
- To alert traffic of your intentions, please use your signal when changing lanes and exiting the roundabout.
- When you reach your desired exit point, use your signal to alert fellow motorists that you are exiting the roundabout and safely move out of it; follow the markings and stay in the correct lane.

For more information about driving a roundabout, the following videos are available. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT DRIVERS TO VIEW THE VIDEOS.



Holiday Break

Construction on the Hwy. 105 project will shut down for the holidays starting on Monday, Dec. 24, and resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2. The project team—the El Paso County staff, Wilson & Company, Wildcat Construction, and the many consultants and subcontractors—wish you happy holidays and thank you for your continued patience and support this past year.

Alternate routes suggested during Monument Academy student drop off/pick up times

We understand that Monument Academy student drop-off and pick-up times can cause traffic delays. To ensure a smoother experience for non-school traffic, we recommend finding an alternate route, if possible, that avoids this particular area during these times:
Mondays – Thursdays: 7 – 8:30 a.m. and 2:45 – 4 p.m.
Fridays: 7 – 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

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

Construction of Hwy. 105 improvements will continue early into 2025.

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. **ALTERNATE ROUTES, IF POSSIBLE, ARE HIGHLY ADVISED.**



Monument Junction Interim Improvements (Project A) – Classic Homes (Construction complete)

This “Interim” project by Classic Homes and contractor Wildcat Construction includes 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.

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.

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