

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## May 25, 2023

## **TRAFFIC ADVISORY FROM THE E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY** Overnight Rolling Closures for 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge Work May 30 – June 2

**AURORA, CO –** Overnight rolling closures are planned on E-470 between Peña Blvd. and Jewel Ave. from May 30 – June 2 as part of the <u>E-470 Road Widening and Trail Expansion Project</u>. The closures are needed so crews can safely set the girders for the new 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Interchange Bridge.

- Motorists can expect up to 30-minute delays on northbound E-470 between 8:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, and Wednesday, May 31. The right lane between 26<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Avenues will remain closed between 8:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- Motorists can expect up to 30-minute delays on southbound E-470 between 8:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, and Friday, June 2. The right lane between 48<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Avenues will remain closed between 8:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- The northbound E-470 off-ramp at 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be closed between 8:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, and Wednesday, May 31. Aurora Highlands residents traveling north on E-470 will exit at 56th Avenue and follow detour signs west to Picadilly Road and then south to 26th Avenue to access the neighborhood.

During the rolling closure periods, Colorado State Patrol Troopers will escort traffic through the work zone at very low speeds. Tolls will be waived at the tolling gantry at 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Toll Plaza C between I-70 and the existing 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue interchange) from 8:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. each night.

The new 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge is part of the new 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue interchange that will increase connectivity for the surrounding neighborhoods. Currently, only two ramps on the northbound side at 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. give the Aurora Highlands – a 12,500 homes, 4,000-acre master planned community – access to E-470. In addition to the new bridge, construction of the 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue interchange will add new on- and off- ramps to E-470. In addition, the existing 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge over E-470 will be widened and ramps will be added in each direction. These two enhanced interchanges will improve connectivity and traffic flow to the newly developed communities in Green Valley Ranch, such as High Point and the Windler Homestead.

The public's patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated, as construction crews continue work on the E-470 Road Widening and Trail Expansion Project. As a reminder, all work is weather dependent and subject to change.

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