

# Notice of Schedule Change

## *4-hour CO119 canyon closures planned*

Starting Monday, May 20, the full closure schedule for Colorado Highway 119 (Boulder Canyon) will change. The full closures will now occur from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will not be a two-hour break in the closure times. Instead the closures will start an hour later and end an hour earlier. The total amount of time that the highway will be closed will remain the same.

### **Full Highway Closures Next Week**

Monday, May 20 through Thursday, May 24, rock blasting activities will result in a full closure of CO119 from MP 39-40 between the hours of 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. To allow commuters time to safely travel the canyon and pass the rock blasting area, the Nederland side of the highway will close at 9:45 am. Please plan additional time to use the alternate routes, including CO72 and Lefthand Canyon Drive, during the full road closure.

### **Why Change?**

The project team has been communicating with local community leaders, residents, businesses and commuters and they have determined that some larger rocks need to be removed from the mountain.

The team expects to increase productivity of the rock blasting by eliminating the time used to open and close the road during the break time. The updated closures will also allow increased time for bigger blasts of rock which will eliminate the overall number of closures needed to complete the work. Additionally, the team hopes that the schedule change simplifies planning around the closure and will be easier on residents and commuters.

To prepare for the schedule change, the team has coordinated with local emergency services, RTD and Boulder County schools.

### **Trail Closure**

The Boulder Canyon Trail will be closed for recreational use from the canyon mouth in Boulder to the Fourmile Canyon trailhead each day from 5 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### **Creek Closure**

The Boulder Canyon Creek will be closed for recreational use from the canyon mouth in Boulder to the Fourmile Canyon trailhead each day from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

CDOT and the Zak Dirt crews appreciate your patience and understanding.

~ Thank you,

State Highway 119 Reconstruction & Boulder Trail

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