

# TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Sunday, Nov. 17, through Saturday, Nov. 23, Colorado Highway 119 - Boulder Canyon will have single and full lane closures. During working hours, there will be up to five areas impacted concurrently.

## Full Highway Closures

Monday, Nov. 18 - Thursday, Nov. 21 rock blasting activities will result in a full closure of Colorado Highway 119 from MP 39-40 between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Motorists entering the canyon from Nederland will be stopped at 9:45 a.m.

## Upcoming Paving Work

In order to reduce the length of the single lane controlled by traffic signals and provide additional two lane traffic, crews will be paving a temporary detour around a portion of the blast zone at MP 39-40. During the paving, a pilot car will direct traffic through the area, but all **motorists should plan for significant delays.**

Paving operations will take place Wednesday, Nov. 20 - Friday, Nov. 22 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

## 24/7 Ongoing Impacts

Rip-rap installation and paving is ongoing at MP 39, and embankment work continues near MP 34. Guardrail installation will impact MP 37, and rock hauling will impact MP 40.

Motorists will be guided around the single lane closures with traffic control flaggers.

A traffic signal zone will remain in place at MP 39, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, to preserve the work areas.

Up to **40-minute** delays are expected through the canyon during work hours. Speed limits are reduced to 25 miles per hour in the construction zones. The work is weather-dependent, and the schedule may change.

Please plan additional time to travel through the construction zones or to use the alternate routes of Colorado Highway 72 or Lefthand Canyon Drive during the full road closure.

### **Trail Closure**

The FULL CLOSURE of the Boulder Canyon trail at MP 40 where it crosses under CO 119, will be extending a mile and a half to the east, preventing through access from Boulder to the Four Mile trailhead. Crews will rehabilitate the highway structure and install underground rock protection for the next three months. Eastbound cyclists will need to merge with CO 119 traffic through this area. Westbound cycling will be closed through the work area, but open beyond the project limits.

The Boulder Falls Trailhead Parking lot (near MP 33) and Boulder Falls trail are now CLOSED.

## **Creek Closure**

The Boulder Canyon Creek will be closed for use from the canyon mouth in Boulder to the Fourmile Canyon trailhead, Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## **Project Holiday Schedule**

Crews will be working the week of Thanksgiving with a modified schedule.

There will be full closures Monday, Nov. 25 and Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at MP 39-40 for blasting activities.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, crews will work inside a single lane closure from 7 a.m. to Noon.

Thursday, Nov. 28 - Saturday, Nov. 30 no work will occur, however the traffic signal will remain in place to maintain the work zone. Flaggers will be onsite to manually control traffic 6:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. throughout the weekend.

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## **Emergency Medical Response During Construction**

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and local emergency

response agencies continue working together to provide access through the canyon and surrounding areas in the event of an emergency.

An emergency plan is in place to ensure access during full closures, and the Boulder County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and Fourmile Fire Project District have provided construction personnel with radios and access to their emergency channels. This allows construction crews to immediately call out for help should something occur in the canyon and emergency responders to notify road crews when they are en route so flaggers can direct traffic appropriately.

BCSO also coordinated with CDOT to station an AMR ambulance at the Fourmile Canyon intersection during every full closure so it is readily available if needed. A sheriff's office representative also attends CDOT's weekly construction meetings and sends information on upcoming construction activities and traffic impacts to other agencies so they can plan their response protocols accordingly.

These plans were successfully implemented this past summer during full canyon closures and single lane closures. In most cases, CDOT was able to quickly clear a lane through the blasting area so the ambulance could proceed directly to the hospital without having to use the Fourmile Canyon route.

For more information on this process, please visit the [project website](#).