

SOUTH ACADEMY BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FACT SHEET

// PROJECT OVERVIEW

This Project is believed to be the first major renovation for South Academy Boulevard since it opened in 1969. South Academy Boulevard has served a long life and is now in need of refurbishment/revitalization. It has been and continues to be a key transportation corridor for the southeast area of Colorado Springs.

The Project will address aging pavement, curb and gutter, and improve drainage along the project corridor. The vision for this corridor is guided by past studies that helped define the need for infrastructure improvements and community revitalization. To provide for better multi-modal and pedestrian access, a new multi-use path is being constructed on one side of Academy Boulevard. Due to existing drainage issues and occasional occurrences of standing water in the roadway, significant drainage improvements including new manholes, inlets, and new drainage pipe. To avoid conflicts and to upgrade the existing utilities, portions of the Colorado Springs Utilities water and wastewater lines are being relocated.

When the project is complete in summer 2025, look for

- A smoother, more comfortable driving surface
- Reduction and/or elimination of ponding water on the roadway surface
- Improved pedestrian accessibility

// PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction of the corridor will be divided into two different segments over the course of 24 months:

- Segment 1 (North) – South Academy Boulevard between Bijou Street and Airport Road
 - Construction start late Feb. 2023
- Segment 2 (South) – South Academy Boulevard between East Fountain Boulevard and Jet Wing Drive
 - Construction start Spring 2023

The construction will focus on replacing aging infrastructure with new pavement including 7.5 inches of new asphalt with new curb and gutter over reclaimed and recompacted base course.

// FUNDING

This is a voter-approved, Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) A-listed project. Estimated cost to repair existing asphalt (18 lane miles), concrete and stormwater: \$62 million.

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