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# SOUTH ACADEMY BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT



April 26, 2024

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

(All schedules are weather and resource dependent)

### **Pikes Peak Avenue intersection fully opened, full closure of Airport Road east of South Academy Boulevard begins Monday**

#### **South Academy Boulevard between Platte Avenue and Airport Road**

**The Pikes Peak Avenue and South Academy Boulevard intersection is fully open.** Crews completed intersection improvements on Pikes Peak Avenue west of South Academy Boulevard and reopened all traffic movements through the intersection.

**Beginning Monday night, April 29, a full closure of Airport Road will be in place on the east side of South Academy Boulevard.**

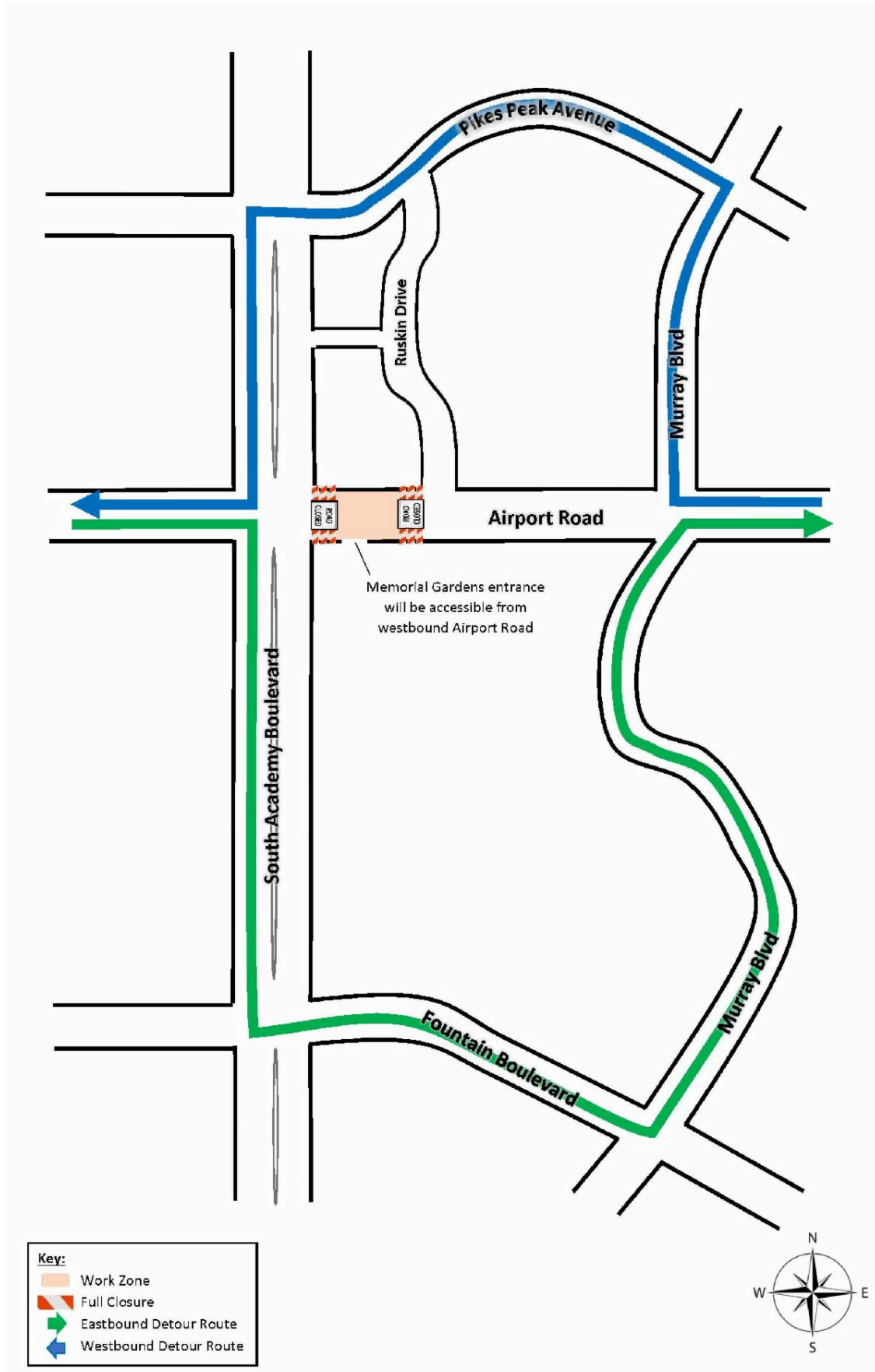
Both eastbound and westbound Airport Road traffic will be fully closed east of South Academy Boulevard to allow crews to place a new underground utility lines across the intersection. This closure is scheduled to continue until Thursday, May 9, although crews will make every effort to complete operations and reopen the roadway ahead of schedule.

Detour information:

- Eastbound Airport Road traffic will detour south on South Academy Boulevard to Fountain Boulevard, go east to Murray Boulevard, and turn north to access Airport Road on the east.
- Westbound Airport Road traffic will detour north on Murray Boulevard to Pikes Peak Avenue, go west to South Academy Boulevard and turn south to access Airport Road on the west.

Once work is completed on the east side of South Academy Boulevard, crews will begin operations on the west side. Impacts will be in place on Airport Road through this fall.

Expect delays and use alternative routes. See closure map (below).



## South Academy Boulevard between East Fountain Boulevard and Jet Wing Drive

Underground operations continue on Hancock Expressway and Southbound Academy Boulevard with all directions of traffic reduced to one lane throughout the intersection. Crews have moved Hancock Expressway traffic to the north and are working below the eastbound lanes to replace the underground waterline. There are no turn restrictions at Hancock Expressway and South Academy Boulevard during these operations.

### Stay Informed

The South Academy Boulevard Improvements Project addresses aging pavement, curb and gutter, and improves drainage along the project corridor. 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 are being made.

This is a voter-approved, Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) A-listed project. Estimated cost to address aging pavement, curb and gutter, and improve drainage along the project corridor: \$62 million.

#### For more information:

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