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Peña Boulevard Improvement Project Reaches Major Milestone

Peña Boulevard Placed in Five-Lane Configuration

DENVER – June 22, 2021 – All five lanes of inbound Peña Boulevard – between Jackson Gap Street and the Jeppesen Terminal – have opened, improving motorists’ drive into Denver International Airport (DEN). Completing this section of Peña Boulevard, which includes brand-new directional signage, is a significant milestone on the safety and operational improvement project.

Inbound Peña Boulevard now has three through lanes, as well as dedicated travel lanes from the Jackson Gap Street on-ramp. These acceleration/deceleration lanes will help improve safety and traffic flow by eliminating weaving patterns due to merging traffic.



“We began this critical work on Peña Boulevard last summer and expedited work to take advantage of the lower passenger volumes,” said airport CEO Kim Day. “The additional lanes coming from the Jackson Gap Street on-ramp will greatly improve safety and operations as our passenger volume continues to increase. Additionally, in the coming weeks, we will open the new Return-to-Terminal loop, which will improve safety on Jackson Gap Street. Ultimately, these improvements prepare DEN for future growth as we continue to make our way to 80 million annual passengers.”

Even though inbound Peña Boulevard now has five lanes open, various lane closures may take place at night throughout the duration of the project to install new signage, complete the Return-to-Terminal route and other additional work.

Specifically, June 22 and 23, up to three lanes of inbound Peña Boulevard will be closed from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. for sign installation. Additional single and double lane closures are possible through September from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Check our [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) page for updates.

The majority of the project will be completed by mid-August, with minor work continuing through September 2021.

Additional benefits of this \$30 million project include:

- Improving traffic flow to accommodate current and future growth of the airport
- Improving safety for the traveling public by reducing weaving patterns near the terminal
- Improving routes for ground transportation providers and rental car shuttles
- Replacing aging infrastructure that is over 25 years old
- Relocating the Return-to-Terminal route, which allows drivers on outbound Peña Boulevard to turn back to the terminal, to Jackson Gap Street, about one mile from the current route. The new free-flow loop at Jackson Gap Street will improve traffic flow and simplify the route for traffic returning to the terminal.

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