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MEDIA ADVISORY

Intermittent Closures of Tower Road at Peña Boulevard Scheduled for Saturday Contractor Will Be Placing Bridge Girders on Temporary Structure

DENVER — **April 10, 2014** — Denver International Airport is advising motorists to be alert for intermittent closures along Tower Road at the Peña Boulevard overpass on Saturday, April 12 while crews place girders on a new temporary bridge. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., for the safety of the motoring public, flaggers will stop traffic on Tower Road near the Peña Boulevard overpass for a maximum of 15 minutes at a time while cranes lift large 71-feet long, 104,000 pound bridge girders into place. Once a girder is secured and inspected, traffic will be allowed to resume normal flow until the next girder is ready to be placed. The entire operation is expected to be completed no later than 3:00 p.m.

DIA is building the new temporary structure as part of a larger project to reconstruct about a one mile section of Peña Boulevard between Second Creek, just west of Tower Road, and E-470. When complete, the temporary bridge will carry traffic over Tower Road while construction is ongoing. DIA will maintain four travel lanes, two in each direction, for Peña Boulevard traffic throughout the construction project.

Construction is expected to result in a four-day closure of the off-ramp from inbound Peña Boulevard to Tower Road in early May. Motorists will still be able to access Tower Road during the four-day closure by using the 56th Avenue exit.

This \$9.6 million reconstruction project is expected to be complete by mid-November 2014, prior to the busy Thanksgiving holiday.

Denver International Airport is the 13th-busiest airport in the world and the fifth-busiest airport in the United States. With more than 50 million passengers traveling through the airport each year, DIA is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world's largest aviation market. DIA is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$26 billion for the region annually. For more information visit www.flydenver.com, check us out on YouTube, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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