

I-25 North Express Lanes FACT SHEET

The I-25 North Express Lanes project is a Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) project that will expand the capacity of I-25 by adding one tolled Express Lane in each direction between US 36 and 120th Ave. CDOT has contracted with Flatiron Constructors Inc. of Firestone, CO for this \$60 million project.

Project Highlights

- Convert the inside shoulder area into an additional lane allowing an Express Lane in each direction between US 36 and 120th Ave.
- Resurface with a combination of milling, filling and overlaying with HMA and SMA
- Lower the profile of I-25 to improve vertical clearance underneath the 88th Ave. overpass
- Reconstruct the connection area of the existing Express Lanes and their ramps to I-25
- Install new highway directional and safety signing
- Construct concrete sound barriers and rehab existing wood sound barriers
- Install Active Traffic Management System that alerts drivers of downstream queues or incidents



General Benefits of Express Lanes:

- Offer motorists a choice when they can't be late by ensuring there will always be lanes free from congestion
- Allow CDOT to better manage congestion over the long term; reducing the disruption to the environment and community that comes with continual widening of roads
- Provide an energy-efficient alternative through reduced travel times (fewer idling vehicles, less gas consumption)
- Provide for more reliable and efficient transit service (buses use express lanes instead of congested lanes)

Project Benefits:

This innovative approach allows for the I-25 North Express Lanes to be built 20 years earlier at less than one-third the original cost and with an estimated \$512 million in benefits including:

- **Create** new jobs
- **Save** nearly 20 minutes for commuters in managed lanes—4 minutes for others
- **Eliminate** costly right-of-way acquisitions and additional pavement
- **Generate** new revenue to offset project costs
- **Increase** access to homes, businesses and recreation
- **Improve** traffic flow through electronic tolling



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Project Duration and Times:

Duration: October 2013–October 2015

Anticipated start date: October 7, 2013

Normal work hours: M–F, 7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Some night time operations are planned to minimize impacts to commuter traffic.

General Schedule/Phasing Plan of Construction

I-25 Southern Half Work, US 36 to Thornton Pkwy – Shoulder Reconstruction/Sound Walls, then Median	(October 2013–June 2014)
I-25 Profile Lowering at 88th Ave.	(June 2014–September 2014)
I-25 Northern Half Work, Thornton to 120th – Shoulder Reconstruction/Sound Walls, then Median	(September 2014–June 2015)
H.O.V. Connector Work and Project Completion	(March 2015–September 2015)
I-25 US 36 to 120th—Top mat paving US 36 to 120th	(June 2015–August 2015)

Detours/Delays

A minimum of three lanes of I-25 will be maintained during the day at all times during construction. Lane closures will be minimal and will take place on nights and weekends. The speed limit will remain 55 MPH except during the I-25 lowering at 88th Ave. phase in the summer of 2014, when the speed limit will be reduced to 45 MPH.



Coping Strategies

This is a major construction project on a heavily utilized highway; impacts to traffic are expected. Here are a few ideas to help deal with the anticipated delays and impacts:

- Get involved early
- Take advantage of CDOT's resources for timely information. Sign up for CDOT's GovDelivery and Follow CDOT on Twitter/Facebook
- Communicate questions and concerns to the Public Information Team
- Make a plan to allow for extra time to reach your destination
- Consider alternate routes and carpooling

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Those interested in receiving upcoming information about the project and the project's schedule are encouraged to sign up for email or text messages by going to www.coloradodot.info. Choose the green cell phone icon in the upper right corner, then after signing up, choose the project entitled "I-25NorthExpressLanes."

