



US 6 Bridges, Knox Ct. to BNSF

Design Build Procurement
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Why is the US 6 Bridge over I-25 being replaced?

The US 6 Bridge over I-25, built in 1958, is functionally obsolete because it no longer meets vertical and lateral clearance standards, which can pose issues especially for oversized vehicles traveling on I-25. In 2005, the average daily traffic (ADT) count for the bridge was 140,900 vehicles and that number is expected to jump to 167,671 by 2025, which will continue to contribute the functional deficiencies of the structure.

The US 6 Bridge over I-25 is included in this project for several reasons.

- No potential modifications to the bridge will result in the structure meeting acceptable transportation standards.
- Since work being done on the approaches to the existing US 6 Bridge east (over the railroad tracks) and west (at Bryant Street and over the S. Platte River) is already planned, the Colorado Department of Transportation anticipates a cost savings by replacing the bridge now rather than later.
- Replacing all the bridges at one time minimizes inconvenience to the public. Coming back later to replace the US 6 Bridge over I-25 could create traffic challenges including a potential 5-mile detour, if the bridge were closed for construction or repairs.