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Sound Wall Replacement and Drainage Repairs on Interstate 70 in Silver Plume

Clear Creek County – On, September 23, 2019, the Colorado Department of Transportation will begin replacing the westbound Interstate 70 sound wall in Silver Plume between Mile Post (MP) 225.25 to 225.60. Crews will replace the existing, deteriorating sound wall with new concrete and steel posts that will improve safety, functionality, durability and aesthetics. Also during construction, minor improvements will be made along the on-ramp and a new storm drainage system will be installed on Water Street, along Garfield Street.

This project was contracted to Lobato Construction for \$3.2 million and is part of CDOT's "Whole System. Whole Safety." initiative aimed at enhancing safety for Colorado's traveling public.

TRAVEL IMPACTS

Construction will take place 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday-Friday, per the following schedule:

- September 26 to November 19: Construction begins, and the ramp will close
- November 20 to March 31, 2020: The ramp will reopen for the winter. Limited construction work may take place outside of traffic as conditions permit during the winter.
- April 1 to June 2020: Construction continues, and the ramp will close

While the ramp is closed, westbound traffic will be detoured seven days a week along Silver Valley Road to the I-70 Interchange in Bakerville. Drivers can expect delays of a few minutes due this five-mile detour. When the ramp reopens December 1 to March 31, traffic will proceed as usual.

When the new drainage system is being constructed across Water Street, motorists can expect slight delays due to a single lane closure, which will be directed by flaggers.

The entire project is expected conclude June 2020, barring weather and/or shipment delays.



Project Limits of Construction Work Zone

PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

- Project Phone Line - 720-791-3051
- Project email - SilverPlumeSoundWall@gmail.com
- Project web site - <https://www.codot.gov/projects/i-70-silver-plume-sound-wall-replacement>
- Sign up for weekly project updates - Please log onto the project web site and fill out the right-side form to "Subscribe to Project Updates."

REMEMBER: SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones.

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Be patient!

WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY.

To heighten safety awareness, CDOT recently announced its *Whole System – Whole Safety* initiative. This project takes a systematic statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone home safely.

ABOUT CDOT

CDOT has approximately 3,000 employees located throughout Colorado, and manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also administers Bustang, the state-owned and operated interregional express service. Governor Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's intermodal mobility options.

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