

PROJECT FACTS

Project Goals

- Build the project with minimal impacts to the traveling public
- Exhibit technical competency/innovation, maximize the use of RAMP funding by providing additional requested elements, and develop aesthetically pleasing regional project features
- Demonstrate a commitment to enhance the established project values of safety, quality, integrity and communication/teamwork



Project Scope and Accomplishments:

- 4 new bridge structures
- 6 rehabilitated bridge structures
- 3 bridge structures widened
- Structures span local roadways, railroads, pedestrian trail, I-25 and the Arkansas River

Safety improvements:

The Ilex Project has made several safety improvements including:

- Widening shoulders to twelve feet so cars and emergency vehicles can pull off safely
- Longer lanes for safer acceleration and deceleration when merging
- Standardized lane widths
- Straightened alignment where there were previously tight curves to allow consistent speeds through the corridor
- Improved lighting and signage for increased visibility

The Ilex Project has significantly increased safety on the I-25 corridor through Pueblo from Ilex Street (now D Street) to City Center Drive. Motorists experience much safer driving conditions, decreased accidents and enjoy a greatly improved driving experience.

Project Information:

- 318,825 hours worked by craftsmen without major injury
- 131,408 square feet of retaining wall and 16,377 square feet of noise wall
- 139 girders
- Approximately 600,000 cubic yards of dirt
- 8,000 cubic yards of concrete
- 1.8 million pounds of rebar
- 4,000 feet of reinforced concrete pipe of drainage
- 36,000 tons of asphalt
- 174 trees, 82 shrubs and 27 acres of seed planted



I-25: The New Pueblo Freeway Ilex Street to City Center Drive

OFFICIAL PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

Thursday, June 27, 2019
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Runyon Field Sports Complex Parking Lot
400 Stanton Avenue

THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION extends a sincere thank you to Pueblo's citizens and area businesses for your patience and support throughout construction as CDOT and Flatiron Construction worked to deliver a safer, improved transportation system benefitting the community and the traveling public.

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PROJECT RECOGNITION

It has taken countless talented individuals and numerous dedicated stakeholders to make the Ilex design-build project a success. Today's celebration marks another milestone on the journey of the New Pueblo Freeway – completion of the first construction phase.

The design-build team respected the traditions and trends of Pueblo's culture by developing and constructing an environmentally conscious, aesthetically pleasing regional project. The walls and bridges highlight unique features from Runyon Field and the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo. Many partners including city, county, state, and federal officials, consulting and contracting teams, utilities, and local public interest groups and organizations worked together to deliver the quality project you see today.



FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT:

- CDOT Bridge Enterprise
- CDOT RAMP (Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnership)
- Local City and County Road Devolution

RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

I-25: The New Pueblo Freeway Ilex Street to City Center Drive

Posting of Colors

Pueblo County Sheriff's Honor Guard

National Anthem

Ms. Tracy Bastian

Welcome // Emcee

Mrs. Karen Rowe
Region 2 Transportation Director,
Colorado Department of Transportation

REMARKS

Mr. Nick Gradisar

Mayor, City of Pueblo

Mr. Herman Stockinger

Deputy Executive Director,
Colorado Department of Transportation

Mr. Bill Thiebaut

District 10 Transportation Commissioner

Mr. Eric Taylor

Senior Vice President,
Flatiron Construction

Mr. John Cater

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Colorado Division

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