



## I-25: The New Pueblo Freeway

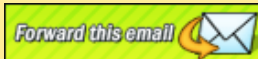


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### CDOT Region 2 Propositions 109 and 110

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) doesn't express endorsement of any proposition, but wants the voting public to be informed.

Funding for the next phase of I-25 New Pueblo Freeway (I-25 City Center to 13th Street) is included in Proposition 110 project list.

[Click here](#) for a fact sheet to learn more about these Propositions, and remember to vote on November 6!

#### Don't forget to VOTE! Region 2 Proposition 109 and Proposition 110 Fact Sheet

| Region 2 Proposition 109 Projects  | Region 2 Proposition 110 Projects  |
|--|--|
| CD 21 - Constitution to North Centennial - construction of interim continuous flow intersection            | I-25 City Center to 13th Street - Complete reconstruction and widening   |
| US 24 West - I-25 to Woodland Park - drainage and intersection improvements                                | I-25 Colorado Springs Congestion Relief - widening to 4 lanes from 3.5, Academy to CD 16, widening to 4 lanes from Circle to S. Academy. Add auxiliary lanes between Florence to Garden of the Gods, add HOV lanes between Colorado and Regis. In National by deficient bridge at Northgate - shoulder widening from 10' to 12'. |
| CD 19 - Research Parkway Interchange - construction of new grade separated interchange                     | US 24 West - Divide to I-25 - Drainage and intersection improvements   |
| US 50B - widening to four lanes, shoulders, passing lanes and safety improvements between Pueblo and Holly | US 24 East - Canyon/Dodge to Stapleton - Widening of roadway to 4 lanes  |
| US 50 - West of Pueblo - widen the divided highway from two to three lanes                                 | US 50 West - West of Pueblo - construct 3rd west-bound lane and new US 50/Purcell interchange with four-level facility improvements  |
| US 287 Lamar Reliever Route - construction of new grade separated interchange                              | US 50 East - widening to four lanes, shoulders, passing lanes and safety improvements between Pueblo and Holly. Location and length to be determined   |
| CD 47 Divide to Victor - Shoulder widening and safety improvements   | US 287 Lamar Reliever Route - construction of relief or route, realignment of US 50 to future US 50/US 287 interchange   |
| CD 115 - Replace and widen Rock Creek Bridge   | CD 21 - Research Parkway Interchange - construction of new grade separated interchange   |
| I-25, CD 10 & CD 160 - reconstruction of interchange near Woodbury   | CD 47 Divide to Victor - Shoulder widening and safety improvements   |
| US 285 - Fairplay to Richmond Hill - addition of passing lanes and shoulder improvements                   | US 140 Mobility Improvements - addition of passing lanes, shoulder widening and safety improvements  |
|  | US 285 - Fairplay to Richmond Hill - addition of passing lanes and shoulder improvements   |
|  | CD 84 - US 24 to French Hill - roadway safety improvements   |
|  | CD 115 - Replace and roadway widening Rock Creek Bridge  |
|  | CD 49 and CD 12 - Shoulder widening, passing lanes and safety improvements   |
|  | I-25 and Drive Six Glison Interchange - interchange, intersection and frontage road improvements   |

### Green Truss Bridge Scheduled for November Completion

The historic green truss bridge on Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C) has undergone quite the journey during the I-25/Ilex Design-Build Project. Preserving a historical bridge takes a great deal of time. It has been rehabilitated down to rebuilding the deck, replacing worn bearings by actually raising the bridge, and covering it in a new coat of paint.

Construction work completed to date:

- Major structure repairs
- Concrete deck
- Painting

Remaining work:

- Sidewalk
- Guardrail and barrier

Traffic shifted to the right outside lane on the truss bridge October 19, and the bridge is scheduled for final completion in early November.

### Current Design Work

- Landscaping & irrigation plans complete
- ITS Design nearing completion

### Current Construction

[CLICK HERE](#) to view Construction Update - August 2018

### Project Schedule

**Northbound I-25:** Spring 2015 to Spring 2018

**Southbound I-25:** Fall 2017 to Winter 2018

**Bridge Rehabilitations:** Summer 2015 to Spring 2018

**Final Configuration:**  
December 2018

**Project Completion:**  
April 2019

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*Green Truss Bridge - Traffic Shift - October 2018*

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[CDOT Website](#)

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### What the Project Involves

The Ilex interchange is the first segment to be constructed as part of the New Pueblo Freeway.

The project consists of replacing bridges on I-25 between Ilex Street and City Center Drive in Pueblo. Work includes rehabilitation of bridges on northbound I-25 over Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C), I-25 over Indiana Avenue, on the Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C) bridge over the Arkansas River, and on Northern Avenue and Mesa Avenue over I-25.

Structurally deficient bridges on I-25 over Gruma Drive, the Union Pacific Railroad, and Ilex Street will

### **New CDOT Traffic Operations Center**

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) opened its new Traffic Operations Center last month. This center is brand new for Region 2 and the State of Colorado.

Previously, there was a statewide Operations Center in Golden that covered operations around the state. This is the first Joint Operations Center that co-locates CDOT operations and Colorado State Patrol (CSP) dispatch.

It was created as part of the decentralization of the real-time operations branch of CDOT's Mobility Operations division, to meet the growing needs of the future. "By coordinating operations during major incidents and events in Southern Colorado, it improves response times and facilitates credible, timely information flow to the public and responders in the field," said CDOT Region 2 Operations Manager Scott Dalton.



*A view inside the Traffic Operations Center*

This new collaborative model provides greater efficiencies and accuracy in communication, as well as enhanced coordination by bringing together the parties that have control over necessary resources to manage events and incidents from one regional operations center.

The Center's CDOT operator and dispatchers monitor traffic cameras and weather and message the public through

also be removed and replaced.

Interchange ramps will be lengthened to provide safer transitions onto and off of the Interstate, especially the 1st Street ramp to southbound I-25. Roadway curves will be softened to improve visibility and provide a smoother ride for motorists.

Local roadway improvements are included at D Street, Ilex Street, Bennett Street cul-de-sac, Clark Street cul-de-sac, and along Santa Fe Avenue.

Bridges will be widened at City Center Drive and I-25 over Santa Fe Avenue (widened to the median).

Noise abatement will also occur along some segments of I-25.

COtrip, 511 and electronic message boards about traffic incidents, construction zones, lane closures and road conditions.

"We dispatch maintenance patrols during incidents, weather events, and other highway-related activities," explained Dalton. "We are the eyes and ears of the Region, and our goal is to improve safety for the traveling public in our region."

Scott Dalton, previously the I-25/Ilex Design-Build project manager, has many responsibilities as the Region 2 Operations Manager.

These include evaluating corridor conditions through data analysis and field observations to determine appropriate operational control measures, and collaborating with stakeholders, among others.



*Boards warn motorists of lane closures and other information on the I-25/Ilex project.*

The center's current hours of operation are 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Project Partners

- Colorado Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- City of Pueblo
- Pueblo County
- The Community

### Funding

State of Colorado revenues from a safety fee placed on vehicle registrations have helped fund the Ilex Design-Build project.

#### ***Funding sources for the project:***

Bridge Enterprise

RAMP (Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships)

## **Ilex Team Updates City Council & County Commissioners**

The I-25/Ilex Design-Build team prioritizes keeping community organizations updated on a regular basis. On September 10, CDOT Resident Engineer Joe DeHeart and CDOT Project Manager Jennifer Billings presented to Pueblo City Council and the Board of County Commissioners.


They presented a schedule update on the project anticipating final traffic configuration by the end of December 2018. Weather-dependent activities such as paving, landscaping, striping and staining, may result in adjustments to the schedule.

Final configuration will include two full width lanes in each direction on I-25, with acceleration and deceleration lanes, full width shoulders, permanent signing and striping.

"We explained what final configuration by the end of the year will look like," said DeHeart. "We also described what work will still occur after December leading up to final completion in April 2019, such as punch list items and landscaping."

#### **FINAL TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION** December 2018



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**Project Spotlight: THK Associates, Inc.**

The I-25/Ilex Design-Build Project takes many specialized companies in order to complete all of the intricate aspects of the project. This month, our spotlight falls on THK Associates, Inc.

THK encompasses all aspects of market analysis, planning and landscape architecture services. For the I-25/Ilex Design-Build Project, they work with Scott Derr Painting on the painting and staining of the wave panel and ashlar stone panels at the bridges over Gruma Drive, over the Union Pacific Railroad and over Thomas Phelps Creek to aesthetically match the look and feel of the Riverwalk.

The walls are being painted to look like rock/stone using an opaque stain. The base coat is applied using a sprayer and then other colors are applied by hand using brushes and sponges.

"An important part of the project has been ensuring whatever work we do, it complements key aspects of Pueblo," said Jennifer Billing, CDOT Project Manager. "This includes the baseball player wall by Runyon Field, and this process of matching the stone look of the Riverwalk."



*Before painting and staining*



*Before painting and staining*

Much of the aesthetic treatment is done by hand to ensure a realistic appearance, which takes approximately two hours to complete 50 square feet of treatment area.

### Additional Project Information

For more information about the I-25 Ilex Design-Build project, visit the [CDOT website project page](#). To receive future Ilex Design-Build project e-newsletters and construction notices, send an email to [i25ilex@PublicInfoTeam.com](mailto:i25ilex@PublicInfoTeam.com) requesting to be added to the email list.

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