

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

I-25 Ilex Street to City Center Drive

Overview

On July 13, 2015, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin work on the I-25 Ilex Street to City Center Drive project in Pueblo. This is the first segment to be constructed as part of the New Pueblo Freeway.

The project consists of replacing bridges on Interstate 25 between Ilex Street and City Center Drive. Work includes rehabilitation of bridges on northbound I-25 over US 50 Business, I-25 over Indiana Avenue, on US 50 Business over the Arkansas River, and on Northern Avenue and Mesa Avenue over I-25. Highlights of construction include the following:

- Developing safer transitions onto and off of the Interstate, including lengthening the acceleration lane on southbound I-25 at City Center Drive
- Improving roadway curves and smoothness, including softening a sharp curve on I-25 near Ilex
- Improving interchanges and ramps
- Improving local roadways
- Installing a noise wall near City Center Drive to shield residents from highway noise
- Improving drainage and water quality
- Creating landscaping that is consistent with other local landscaping palettes
- Adding community-focused aesthetics on new bridges and walls

Flatiron Constructors of Broomfield, Colorado is the contractor for this \$69 million project, which is expected to be completed in summer 2017. The project is funded 60 percent through Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (FASTER), and 40 percent through Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP).

Schedule and Traffic Impacts

Initial work will involve bridge overhang removal so crews can widen the I-25 bridges over Santa Fe and City Center Drive. Motorists can expect intermittent lane closures on I-25 and road closures on City Center Drive and Santa Fe Avenue in the vicinity of I-25 and D Street as work progresses.

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The work is being completed in phases so that two lanes of traffic can remain open northbound and southbound on I-25, with only intermittent lane closures as needed during off-peak traffic hours. Normal working hours are from Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be some nighttime and weekend work as needed. No lane or road closures will take place during national holidays or other major local events.

The speed limit will be reduced in the construction zone for both the safety of the traveling public as well as construction crews working along the highway. Please use caution and stay alert while traveling through the construction zone

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