

# **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

## STATE HIGHWAY 14 (MULBERRY STREET) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

#### PHASE 1 ON TARGET FOR SPRING COMPLETION

Since September 2014, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Flatiron Constructors, Inc. have been building a new bridge on State Highway (SH) 14 (Mulberry Street) over the Cache la Poudre River in the City of Fort Collins. The project has two distinct phases. In general, Phase 1 constructs the north side of the bridge. At the completion of Phase 1, westbound Mulberry Street traffic will move onto the new bridge. Phase 2 will then construct the south side of the bridge.

In mid-January 2015, the Phase 1 concrete bridge deck was poured signifying completion of a major Phase 1 milestone. Remaining Phase 1 work is progressing well. By the end of February, Flatiron intends to have the majority of the road and bridge work complete in anticipation of shifting westbound traffic onto the new bridge in March 2015. For more information regarding project features and construction phasing, visit the project website at



New concrete bridge deck on SH 14 bridge

http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/SH14PoudreRiver. The project is on track for a November 2015 completion.

#### **CURRENT & ANTICIPATED TRAVEL IMPACTS**

### Pedestrians & Cyclists

In order to construct Phase 2 of the project, the existing two-span pedestrian bridge over the Cache la Poudre River and adjacent to the south side of Mulberry Street, will be removed and relocated. Beginning in mid-February 2015, pedestrian traffic will be prohibited on Mulberry Street between Riverside Avenue and Lemay Avenue until Fall 2015 when new sidewalk is complete on the south side of the new bridge. A signed detour utilizing Lemay Avenue and Riverside Avenue will be provided. Pedestrians and cyclists will continue to have access across Mulberry Street via the traffic signal at Lemay Avenue throughout Phase 2.

The City of Fort Collins (City) will reuse both of the removed pedestrian bridge spans at other locations. One of the spans will be repurposed on the east side of Lemay Avenue to complete a new Poudre Trail connection currently under construction. For more information on the

City's Poudre River Pedestrian Bridge project and the latest trail closures visit <a href="http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/poudretrail.php">http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/poudretrail.php</a>.

### Vehicle Traffic

The CDOT and the City continue to monitor the eastbound SH 14 detour route, which utilizes City streets. Eastbound SH 14 traffic will remain on the detour route through October 2015. More information on the eastbound detour, including a detour map, is provided on the project website www.codot.gov/projects/SH14PoudreRiver/traffic-impacts-and-detours-1.

As the project transitions into Phase 2, westbound vehicle traffic will remain on SH 14. Except for limited lane closures to remove the pedestrian bridge and shift traffic onto the bridge, westbound motorists will experience little to no change from current traffic conditions.

More information regarding specific dates, times and detour routes for any planned closures will be available on the project website as the project progresses.



Rendering of new SH 14 (Mulberry Street) Bridge Credit: BHA Design, Inc. courtesy of the City of Fort Collins

#### **STAY INFORMED**

Visit the project website at <a href="http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/SH14PoudreRiver">http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/SH14PoudreRiver</a> for more information. Sign up for email and wireless (text) alerts. Go to CDOT's website at www.coloradodot.info and click on the green cell phone icon in the upper right hand corner of the page. Enter your information and choose "SH14 Over Poudre River" under the "Projects" list. If you have questions or concerns, please call the project information line or send an email to the project email address below.

Project Information Line: 970-889-6950 Email: SH14PoudreRiver@gmail.com