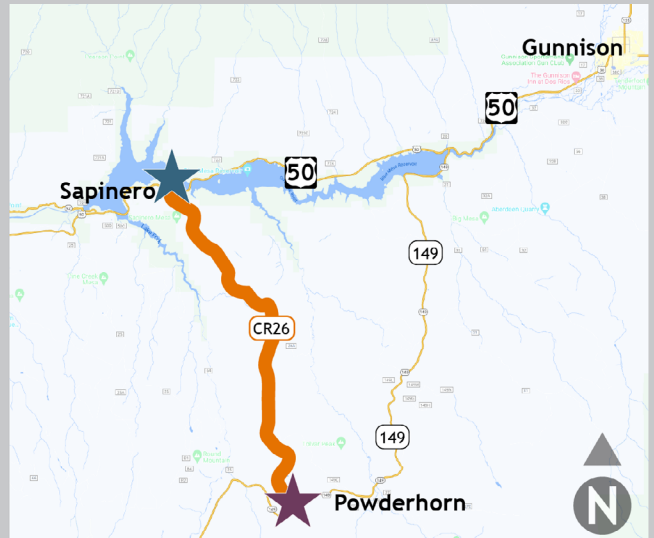


Fact Sheet

US 50 Blue Mesa Bridge Update *County Road 26 Local Access*



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★ Westbound Queue ★ Eastbound Queue ■ CR26 Pilot Car Route

Overview

Improvements to County Road 26 (Lake City Cutoff) have been made to open this route for local commuters and critical travel between Montrose and Gunnison four times each day. Engineers continue to address cracking in the US Highway 50 bridge girder crossing the Blue Mesa Reservoir at Dillon Pinnacles. On May 9, the County Road 26 bypass reduced weight restrictions allowing trailers and heavier commercial use of the bypass. To maintain this as a viable, safe bypass, traffic will continue to be managed using pilot vehicles.

Pilot Car Operations (effective May 20, 2024)

Westbound traffic starting at CO 149 & CR 26 are:	
Thurs. through Tues.	Wednesdays only
7:30 to 8 a.m.	7:30 to 8 a.m.
9:30 to 10 a.m.	9:30 to 10 a.m.
12:30 to 1 p.m.	5:30 to 6 p.m.
2:30 to 3 p.m.	7:30 to 8 p.m.
5:30 to 6 p.m.	10:30 to 11 p.m.
7:30 to 8 p.m.	
10:30 to 11 p.m.	

Eastbound traffic starting at US 50 & CR 26 are:	
Thurs. through Tues.	Wednesdays only
6:30 to 7 a.m.	6:30 to 7 a.m.
8:30 to 9 a.m.	8:30 to 9 a.m.
11:30 a.m. to noon	4:30 to 5 p.m.
1:30 to 2 p.m.	6:30 to 7 p.m.
4:30 to 5 p.m.	9:30 to 10 p.m.
6:30 to 7 p.m.	
9:30 to 10 p.m.	

County Road 26 will only be open for travel during these timeframes. The road will remain closed at all other times for the ongoing restoration work needed to ensure the road remains safe for travel.

Weight Restrictions

Oversize/overweight vehicles can use the detour on Wednesday mornings only. Eastbound travel is open at 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. and westbound travel at 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. State and county permits must be obtained no later than noon the day before travel. **For state permits call CDOT at 800-350-3765. For county permits call Gunnison County at 970-641-0044.**

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