

# Fact Sheet

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

### 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 several 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 Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024)



Westbound traffic starting at CO 149 & CR 26 are:	
Monday through Saturday	Sundays only
7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.	Closed for Repairs
11:30 a.m.	Closed for Repairs
1:30 p.m.	Closed for Repairs
3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.

Eastbound traffic starting at US 50 & CR 26 are:	
Monday through Saturday	Sundays only
6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.	Closed for Repairs
10:30 a.m.	Closed for Repairs
12:30 p.m.	Closed for Repairs
2:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.

County Road 26 is open for travel without pilot cars from 10:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. every day. Pilot car operations are in place daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Weight Restrictions

With weight restrictions on the US 50 Lake Fork Bridge west of Sapinero, overweight vehicles are currently restricted from using the County Road 26 detour route. Oversized vehicles are being handled on a case-by-case basis through the permitting process. Drivers of oversize vehicles must get the proper county and state permits, and they will be told whether or not they can use County Road 26. For state permits call CDOT at 800-350-3765. For state permits call CDOT at 800-350-3765. For county permits call Gunnison County at 970-641-0044.

### Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us.

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