



US 50 Lake Fork Bridge Reopens to All Traffic Friday, Dec. 6 Dec. 4, 2024

Project Overview

The Colorado Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the substantial completion of repairs on the US Highway 50 Lake Fork Bridge. This will allow the bridge to reopen to two-way travel on Friday, Dec. 6. Pilot car and flagging operations will come to an end.

The US 50 Middle Bridge fully reopened to two-way travel Nov. 13, so there are no longer traffic holds along US 50 between Gunnison and Montrose.



Crews will return in the spring of 2025 when temperatures are warmer to put the final coat of paint on both bridges.

Project Synopsis

- The US 50 Middle Bridge closed to all traffic on April 18 to protect public safety after several cracks were observed during a special inspection.
- The repair process involved installing 250 tons of steel plate with over 25,000 bolts to repair the structure in areas that posed an imminent risk to structural integrity. Each steel plate bolted beneath the bridge is about 23 feet long, 2 ½ feet wide and 2 ½ inches thick and weighs about 9,000 pounds.
- Initial repairs were completed to open the US 50 Middle Bridge to one lane of limited traffic on July 3 with expanded traffic windows opening over Labor Day.
- By Oct. 16, all legal loads started traveling over the Middle Bridge in a single-lane configuration. Both lanes on the bridge opened Nov. 13.

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