

Westbound On-Ramp Options



Option A: Improved On-Ramp Grade

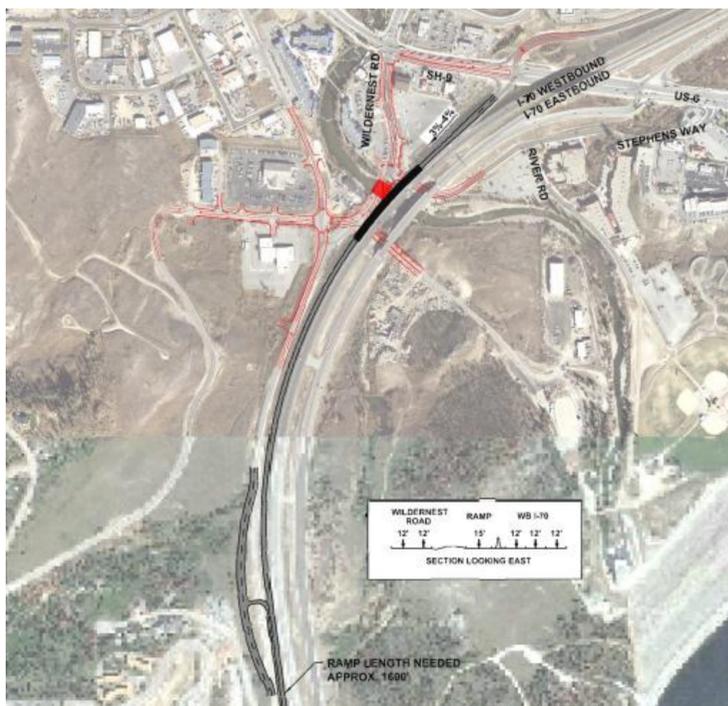
Advantages

- Improves westbound on-ramp grade and merging traffic maneuver
- Improves ramp safety
- Easier to use in bad weather

Disadvantages

- By itself, does not significantly improve capacity

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Continue to evaluate



Option B: Second Westbound On-Ramp

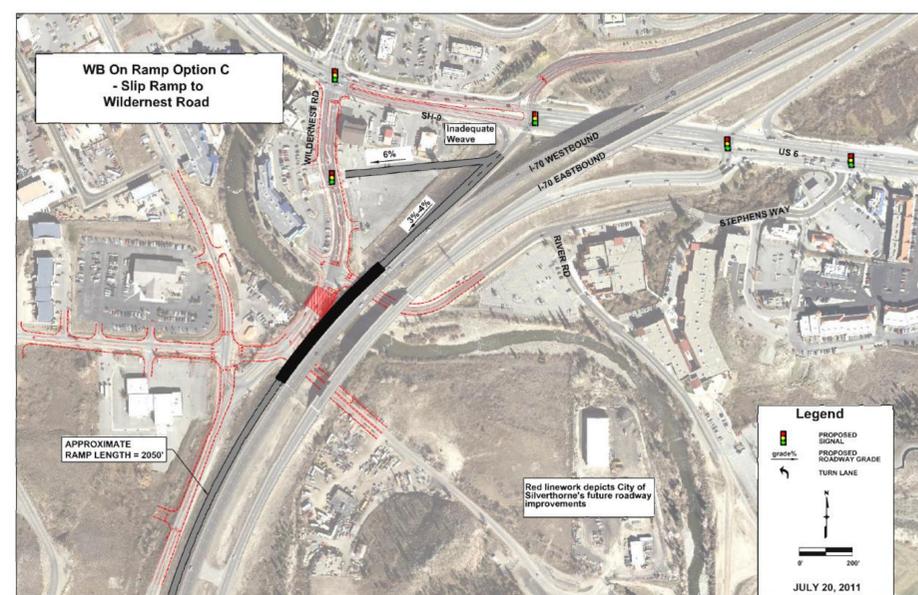
Advantages

- Provides additional on-ramp from Wilderndest Road to I-70
- Reduces the most traffic at the interchange for westbound on-ramp options

Disadvantages

- Most expensive westbound option including a new bridge over Blue River, extensive walls, and long auxiliary lane
- Very long on-ramp distance before entering I-70
- Mixing of variable speed traffic at the new Wilderndest Road on-ramp - potential safety issue

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Option C: Slip Ramp to Wilderndest Road

Advantages

- Reduces weaving traffic on SH 9

Disadvantages

- Adds an inadequate weave
- Doesn't improve safety or reduce conflict points
- Land use impacts
- Doesn't improve mobility or local access
- Creates cut-through traffic
- Difficult for freight movements and confusing for non-local drivers

Status
Removed from evaluation