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Placing the pre-assembled bridge across US 36

NEW BIKEWAY/UTILITY BRIDGE SUCCESSFULLY PLACED

On Monday, April 14, the new 120,000-pound bridge was installed between Interlocken and McCaslin Boulevard. The bridge, which was assembled off-site and delivered to the project in April, was installed the same night as the lunar eclipse. When the bridge opens in 2016, it will carry irrigation pipes and a segment of the project's new bikeway across US 36.

LUNCH AND LEARN WITH THE PUBLIC INFORMATION TEAM

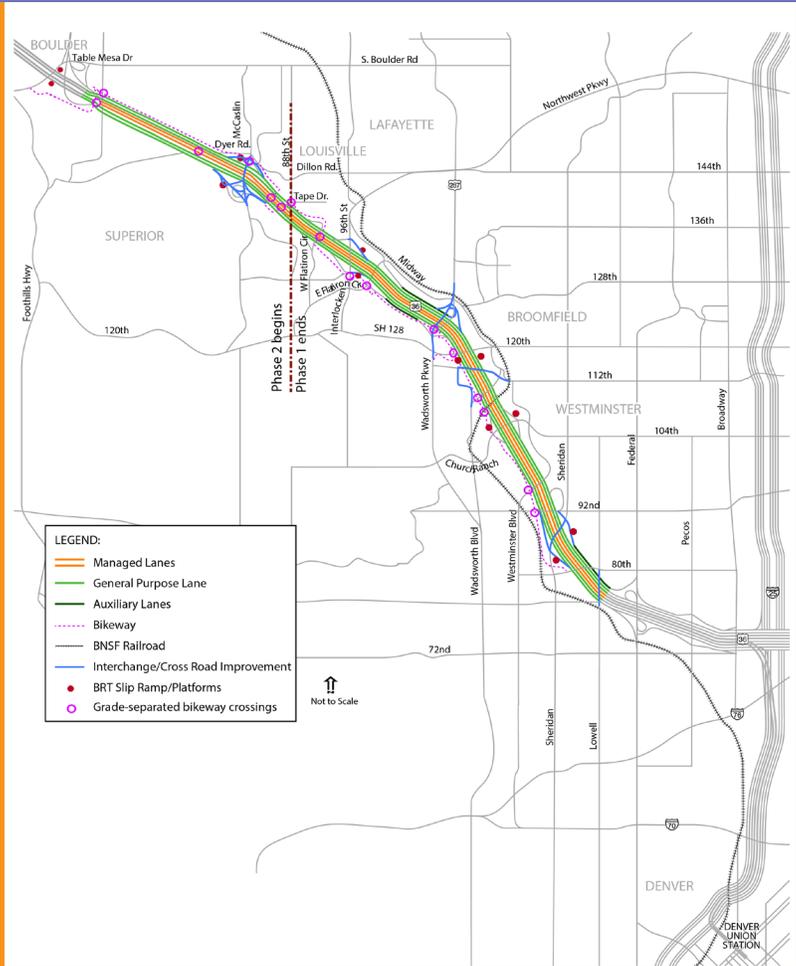
Ames Granite would like to thank the Westminster Rotary Club and Avista Adventist Hospital for the opportunity to share project-related information with their teams. Please contact the Public Information Department if you would like to schedule a Lunch and Learn project overview presentation at your place of business via email at info@us36expresslanes.com or by phone at 303-404-7042.

SHERIDAN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION IN FINAL PHASE

The final 16 girders – each weighing approximately 88,000 pounds – were placed on the new Sheridan bridge in April, allowing the final phase of construction to begin. Now that the girders are in place, crews will begin work on the bridge deck and the connection to Sheridan Boulevard, with the final bridge opening this fall.



The final Sheridan bridge girders swing into place



US 36 Express Lanes Phase 1 and 2 Bikeway Map

BIKEWAY ENTHUSIASTS GEARING UP

As construction continues along US 36, the future bikeway is visible in some areas. A major component of the multi-modal project, the new bikeway will be 12 feet wide with 2-foot shoulders and a 6-inch thick concrete surface for a smooth ride. Bicyclists can also expect wayfinding signage along their journey to make their ride a great experience. The bikeway is being constructed in phases to coordinate with drainage and roadway work. Construction Manager Jason Estes says with the roadway construction advancing ahead, motorists will soon see how the roadway and bikeway will work together.

The bikeway will run adjacent to US 36 between 80th Avenue in Westminster and Table Mesa Drive in Boulder, where it will tie in to the existing trail system. While the bikeway is separated from the highway in most areas, there will be a protective barrier separating the bikeway from the roadway in critical areas where the two are adjacent to each other. The new bikeway will be open to the public in early 2016.

WHY I WORK SAFE

Meet Kolt. A heavy equipment operator for Ames Granite, Kolt has been working on the US 36 Express Lanes Project since June 2013. He has a wife and an 11-month-old baby girl. Every day, after his typical 10-hour shift, he looks forward to going home to his family.

With 240 Ames Granite employees on the job, safety has to be a unified effort every minute of every day. As part of the “Why I Work Safe Campaign,” Kolt immediately knew which picture he wanted to place on his hard hat as a symbol of safety.

“The campaign really opened up my eyes, and when you see your family on your hard hat, it is a constant reminder to work safely,” said Kolt.

Ames Granite Safety Manager Sal Torres is incredibly optimistic about the future and safety of our workforce. He says the goal of the program is to refocus and engage the employees to take personal accountability and responsibility for their actions.

“When a person goes to work to support their family and pay their mortgage, getting them to stop and think about why they are working safe is taking them to a different safety level. There is no room for workplace shortcuts,” explains Torres.



Kolt sporting his visual reminder to work safely