

PROJECT UPDATE

I-25 & Fillmore Interchange

Overview

In February 2015, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began an interchange reconstruction project at I-25 and Fillmore Street in El Paso County in Colorado Springs. The project will convert the existing interchange into a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI), the second along the Front Range and the third in the State of Colorado.

SEMA Construction Inc. is the primary construction contractor for this project, which cost \$15.1 million.

Progress

To date the project is approximately 20 percent complete. Inclement weather has delayed work on the project two weeks, but work is still on pace to conclude in summer 2016. Rain has kept crews from backfilling, or stabilizing the earth that will support the bridge that will be erected south of the current structure. In order to complete this work, the backfill material must be dry.

Upcoming work will focus on constructing the northbound off-ramp, which will include some permanent paving as well as paving for a temporary ramp to get vehicles around the construction zone.

The next milestone on the project will be when crews install the westbound bridge—the bridge south of the current structure. This work is tentatively scheduled for the end of July, pending weather and workload. During this time, crews will build up the grade of Fillmore Street to match the elevation of the new bridge. There will be additional information about a weekend closure to accommodate construction as the work gets closer.

Schedule and Traffic Impacts

Normal working hours are from Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be some nighttime and weekend work as needed.

The speed limit is reduced in the construction zone on I-25 to 55 mph for both the safety of the traveling public as well as construction crews working along the highway.

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About the DDI

The DDI transitions traffic from one side of the road to the opposite side. This innovative interchange will improve safety and traffic flow through the corridor to meet existing and future travel demands.

As part of this project, two new bridges will be constructed to replace the current bridge structure, which was built in 1960 and widened in the 1970s. Each bridge will be approximately 220 feet long, with a 14-foot-wide sidewalk on the eastbound side for pedestrian use. There also will be 5-foot-wide bicycle lanes eastbound and westbound on both bridges. In addition, the southbound off-ramp and northbound on-ramp for I-25 will be lengthened to accommodate the amount of traffic utilizing this route.

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Business access will be maintained.

Construction crews will accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists through the construction zone as much as possible. Please use caution and stay alert while traveling through the construction zone. Follow flaggers' directions and reduced posted speed limits.

Contact

If you have questions about the project, contact the Public Information Team. You will receive a response within 24 hours.

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