

Impacts

Short-Term Impacts to Businesses:

- Direct impacts to businesses from temporary impaired access and mobility caused by temporary lane closures and traffic rerouting/detours, including full bridge closure of approximately 95 days.
- Increased noise and other construction nuisances.
- Most businesses closest to main construction areas would likely experience sales decline. After construction, sales would recover.
- Temporary parking impacts (e.g., Glenwood Hot Springs, near 6th/Laurel, along 7th Street).
- Benefits to local economy by creating jobs and revenue, such as lodging, food, gasoline, and other sundries.

To help mitigate impacts, CDOT will:

- Keep pedestrian access across river open at all times.
- Maintain access to all businesses, target full bridge closure during off-peak time of year.
- Minimize full bridge closure time.
- Communicate regularly with businesses about construction schedule.
- Provide additional signage to clarify detour and access changes.
- Conduct public outreach to communicate area is “open for business.”
- Participate with local business organizations to communicate construction progress and identify other mitigation measures.

Long-Term Economic Impacts:

- Permanent acquisition of Shell Station.
- Permanent diversion of SH 82 traffic from many businesses on 6th Street, reducing visibility to through traffic. Local traffic would remain.
- Improved traffic operations and reduced back-ups along 6th Street from proposed roundabout, helping customers access those businesses.
- More visually pleasing and inviting environment from improvements under new highway bridge and in Grand Avenue wing street area.
- Partial acquisition of Hot Springs parking area; access would be maintained.



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