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Department of Transportation

Reduced CMV and trailer restrictions on CR 26 begin Thursday, May 9

On Thursday, May 9, the County Road 26 bypass will be open 4 times per day in each direction for local public travel with reduced Commercial Motor Vehicle and trailer restrictions, as follows: the State of Colorado legal maximum vehicle dimensions and weights will be enforced. This will allow trailers and heavier commercial use of the bypass. To maintain this as a viable, safe bypass, traffic will be managed using pilot vehicles. CR 26 (also known as Lake City Cutoff) is a high mountain native surface road that is not built to sustain US 50 traffic levels.

Piloted release times will remain:

6:30 to 7:00 a.m. for westbound travel beginning at CO 149 and CR 26.

7:30 to 8:00 a.m. for eastbound travel beginning at US 50 and CR 26.

Noon to 12:30 p.m. for westbound travel beginning at CO 149 and CR 26.

1:00 to 1:30 p.m. for eastbound travel beginning at US 50 and CR 26.

6:30 to 7:00 p.m. for westbound travel beginning at CO 149 and CR 26.

7:30 to 8:00 p.m. for eastbound travel beginning at US 50 and CR 26.

8:30 to 9:00 p.m. for westbound travel beginning at CO 149 and CR 26.

9:30 to 10:00 p.m. for eastbound travel beginning at US 50 and CR 26.

No other public travel will be allowed outside of these times.

[weight-limitations](#)

- No Placarded Hazardous Materials loads per Colorado Department of Transportation Regulations
- Prohibited vehicles will need to use detours on Interstate 70 or Colorado Highway 160 to travel between Gunnison and Montrose.

Bypass Guidelines	Bypass Restrictions
<p>Checking for updates daily is advised in the event bypass access is adjusted due to necessary roadwork from changes in road condition.</p>	<p>The bypass will not be open to vehicles more than 85,000 GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating). leg.colorado.gov/content/size-and-weight-limitations.</p>
<p>Local public travel refers to travel related to medical visits, commuting for work and for residents who live on either side of the road closure.</p>	<p><u>No oversize loads</u> or <u>Hazardous Materials</u> will be allowed.</p>
<p>To maintain this route crews will work on CR 26 road repairs between release times so no other public travel will be allowed before and after those two timeframes. [Ambulances will be utilizing this road as well when critically needed.]</p>	<p>Prohibited vehicles will need to use Interstate 70 (I-70) or Colorado Highway 160 (US 160) to travel between Gunnison and Montrose.</p>

Resources and Contact Information

For additional information, please contact the team.

- Call (970) 648-4423 for the US 50 Bridge Closure Hotline. It will be staffed from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Leave a voicemail for a call back at other times.
- You can email questions to us50bridge@gmail.com.
- Website resource- <https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/1078/Hwy-50-Bridge-Closure> , bit.ly/us50bridge; [Facebook.com/US50Bridge](https://www.facebook.com/US50Bridge)
- To sign up for text and or email updates on all Gunnison County roadwork messaging, please visit <https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/list.aspx> to select what updates you'd like to start receiving. For road updates, select Travel Advisories from the List.

Travelers are urged to “know before you go.” Gather information about weather forecasts and anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

- Road conditions and travel information: [COtrip.org](https://cotrip.org)
- Download the COtrip Planner app: bit.ly/COtripapp
- Sign up for project or travel alerts: bit.ly/COnewsalerts
- See scheduled construction lane closures: bit.ly/laneclosures
- Connect with @ColoradoDOT on social media: [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ColoradoDOT), [Facebook](https://facebook.com/ColoradoDOT), [Instagram](https://instagram.com/ColoradoDOT) and [YouTube](https://youtube.com/ColoradoDOT).

Download the COtrip App!

The new FREE [COtrip Planner](https://cotrip.org) mobile app was designed to meet the growing trend of information on mobile and tablet devices for the traveling public. The COtrip Planner app provides statewide, real-time traffic information, and works on mobile devices that operate on the iOS and Android platforms. Visit the [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.codot.cotrip) (Android devices) or the [Apple Store](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/cotrip-planner/id1444444444) (iOS devices) to download!

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