

Weather forecast for Sunday prompts moving up I-70 traffic shift work to start Saturday, Dec. 13*

Phase 1: Shifting westbound I-70 traffic – Saturday evening to Sunday morning

- This phase of work is scheduled to start about 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and be complete at about 5 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, when there will be two lanes traveling through the westbound tunnel.
- The first part of this work involves a single right lane closure of westbound I-70. This will be followed by a single left lane closure.
- While the right lane is closed, the Central City Parkway on-ramp to westbound I-70 will be closed. This on-ramp closure will be in place Saturday evening. During this time, drivers will need to go east on I-70 to US 6 or Beaver Brook and re-enter the highway going west.

Phase 2: Preparing for eastbound traffic shift – Tuesday daytime

- There will be no lane closures while this work is being done. Westbound I-70 traffic will be moving through the westbound tunnel and eastbound I-70 traffic will still be traveling on the detour route around the tunnel.
- This phase of work is scheduled to be done from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16.
- During this phase, crews will be removing temporary barriers from the eastbound tunnel, resetting signs and barrier reflectors so they face to the west, sweeping out the tunnel and removing existing lane stripes.

Phase 3: Shifting eastbound I-70 traffic – Tuesday evening to Wednesday evening

- This phase of work is scheduled to start about 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, and be complete at about 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, when there will be three lanes traveling through the eastbound tunnel.
- There will be various single lane closures along eastbound I-70 from just west of mile marker 241 (the east Idaho Springs on-ramp) to mile marker 243 (the Hidden Valley/Central City Parkway off-ramp).
- A flagger will be in place to help direct traffic onto the highway from the east Idaho Springs on-ramp while work is done in this area Tuesday evening into Wednesday morning.
- During the final portion of this work, the Hidden Valley/Central City Parkway off-ramp from eastbound I-70 will be closed. This closure will be in place from about 2 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17. During this time, eastbound drivers will need to exit at US 6.



* Exact dates and times subject to change based on weather conditions.