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New bikeway lanes on eastbound US 36 before Sheridan Boulevard

NEW US 36 BIKEWAY TO COME JUNE 24

The US 36 bikeway is set to open June 24, on [Bike to Work Day](#), when commuters will have yet another choice in transportation. Community members, transportation officials, and project representatives will celebrate the brand new 18-mile bicycle corridor that will run from Table Mesa in Boulder to 80th Avenue in Westminster. More details on where and when to come!

The 12-foot wide US 36 bikeway features 2-foot wide shoulders, grade separated crossings and way-finding signage, and will link to the existing bike paths and trails within the corridor. It was designed to improve both safety and mobility for recreational and commuter bicyclists and is ultimately intended to provide travelers with one more choice on how to get where they need to go. We hope to see you out on the new bikeway!

Bike to Work Day is the Denver metro region's largest annual cycling event, with 29,282 bicyclists participating last year. In 2014, Bike to Work Day contributed to an estimated reduction of 337,842 vehicle miles traveled.

Get involved as a company! Bike to Work Day provides a fun opportunity for you and your co-workers to trade your four wheels for two, get some exercise and do something good for the planet. Sign up [here](#).

This year, breakfast stations are open from 6:30-9 a.m. for participants to grab a quick bite and some morning fun. [Click here](#) to find the breakfast station closest to you, and don't forget to snag an official [2015 Bike to Work Day t-shirt](#).





END OF CONSTRUCTION, BEGINNING OF CHOICE

The grand opening of Phase 1 of the US 36 Express Lanes Project is scheduled for June. Upon completion, commuters can choose from the many ways to use the new and improved US 36, including:

- Driving in the two free general purpose lanes
- Paying a toll in the Express Lanes with an ExpressToll account and pass
- Carpooling for free in the Express Lanes
- Riding RTD's Bus Rapid Transit service
- Using the new, continuous bikeway

Remember! Using the Express Lanes is much easier and more affordable with a pass, and offers you the greatest amount of choice. To get your pass, you can create an ExpressToll account online at expresstoll.com, or call the ExpressToll Service Center at 303-537-3470.

The cost of a pass is \$15 and is deducted from your ExpressToll account balance when you set one up. As long as your account is in good standing, you can use the HOV carpool function of the pass and travel for free. This Switchable HOV Pass allows drivers to flip between paying a toll for the Express Lanes convenience, or riding for free in the Express Lanes when carpooling - which currently means a driver and another passenger. However, no later than January 2017, this will change to HOV 3+, meaning a driver and two other passengers.

This Switchable HOV Pass is an important feature of the Express Lanes because it truly rewards people for carpooling and vanpooling, which reduces the number of vehicles on the highway.

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION UPDATE

Major construction of Phase 1 on the US 36 Express Lanes Project from 88th Street to Federal Boulevard will be complete this month! With the end of construction in sight, crews will focus on the following activities:

- RTD platforms, canopies and Pedestrian Information Display (PID) installations
- Landscaping, seeding and mulching
- Sign installations
- Striping and painting

After the lanes officially open at the end of this month, there will be a testing period for the tolling signage and technology. Tolls will not be collected until July 2015. Construction will continue on Phase 2 from 88th Street to Table Mesa through 2015, with completion in the early 2016.



GET A PASS!

To use any Colorado Express Lanes, you will need an ExpressToll account and pass to carpool or pay a toll without an additional surcharge. Existing ExpressToll sticker tags will work on US 36 for non-carpool users.



Visit www.expresstoll.com, or call **303.537.3470** or **1.888.946.3470**, to get yours today!

WHAT DOES IT COST TO USE THE TOLL OPTION ON THE EXPRESS LANES?

The US 36 and I-25 Express Lanes are designed to provide a reliable, safe service and ensure reliable travel times for carpools, solo drivers and the Regional Transportation District (RTD) buses that choose to use the Express Lanes. For Plenary Roads Denver (PRD), the concessionaire, to provide this reliability, new toll rates will be implemented. The toll rates will be a function of supply and demand to ensure that PRD meets the travel time requirements. As a reminder, drivers are always able to drive for free in the general purpose lanes adjacent to the Express Lanes.

The CDOT Express Lanes are “choice” facilities and will offer a toll based on time of day so that the customer can choose to pay a toll to drive faster, or drive in the general purpose lanes for free. Express Lanes use a dynamic pricing system in which tolls can change in price depending on the time of day, during peak morning and evening traffic. As traffic increases, toll prices increase, helping to keep you moving in the Express Lanes.

Toll prices will vary based on each roadway. The Express Lane portion of I-25 is a good toll comparison for US 36 where tolls range from \$1-2 off-peak and \$4-6 during peak.

When Phase 1 of the US 36 Express Lanes opens this summer, drivers choosing to set up an ExpressToll account and get a pass will continue to save money on tolls, compared to License Plate Toll (LPT). For instance:

- Southbound morning peak drivers from Interlocken to Denver will be charged \$7.75 with a pass or \$13.83 with LPT.
- Northbound afternoon peak drivers from Denver to Interlocken will be charged \$6.85 with a pass or \$12.53 with LPT.

CDOT and HPTE urge customers to set up an ExpressToll account and get a pass, which saves money for everyone who wants to use the Express Lanes, or drivers can use the general purpose lanes that are always open and free.

For more questions and answers regarding tolling visit <https://www.codot.gov/programs/high-performance-transportation-enterprise-hpte>.

US 36 - THEN AND NOW

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Wadsworth Parkway over US 36



Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway bridge



Big Dry Creek concrete box culvert



US 36 over Lowell Boulevard



Sheridan Boulevard over US 36

