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Rendering of new BRT shelters and BRT system map.

US 36 BUS RAPID TRANSIT AT A GLANCE

The US 36 Express Lanes Project just completed its second full year of construction and many people are hearing about the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) program that will be established as one of the project's major improvements. However, many aren't familiar with BRT or what it can mean for their commute. The US 36 BRT is part of RTD FasTracks' 2004 voter-approved plan to expand transit across the Denver metro region. The line encompasses 18 miles of express and high-frequency bus service between Denver Union Station and Boulder. The line's six stations include US 36•Westminster Center; US 36•Church Ranch; US 36•Broomfield; US 36•Flatiron; US 36•McCaslin; and Table Mesa. BRT elements include express lanes extensions, enhanced shelters with canopies, ticket vending machines, and programmable information displays with real-time bus information.

BRT TIMELINE

- **2001:** BRT project began as part of the US 36 Major Investment Study on BRT and commuter rail technologies
- **2006-2010:** The project's first phase was the first element of the FasTracks program to be completed, and included new bus pullouts and a pedestrian bridge at US 36•McCaslin; a new Park-n-Ride and bus pullouts at US 36•Church Ranch; and a new Park-n-Ride, bus pullouts and pedestrian bridge at US 36•Broomfield
- **2013-2015:** The Colorado Department of Transportation, in partnership with RTD, is building the express lanes project, which will extend the express lanes between Federal Boulevard and Table Mesa. The project also includes the Table Mesa pedestrian bridge; bus bypass lanes at Sheridan, Church Ranch, McCaslin and Interlocken & 96th; transit signal priority at intersections; and new BRT vehicles.
- **2016:** RTD's BRT service will open to the public



For more information on BRT visit www.rtd-denver.com/US36BRT.shtml

SUMMER LOOK AHEAD: JUNE-AUGUST 2014

Summer is the busiest construction season, and with just one full summer left on Phase 1, the upcoming months are packed with activities. Below is the summer look ahead:

June:

- Complete the US 36 bridge over Lowell Boulevard
- Realign eastbound US 36 traffic from Wadsworth Parkway to 80th Street (east of Sheridan Boulevard) onto new permanent pavement
- Paint bridges and walls project-wide
- Continue noise wall installation westbound between Sheridan and Federal
- Realign eastbound and westbound traffic from Table Mesa to the 88th Street bridge (west of Interlocken) to temporary pavement
- Begin construction of the McCaslin on-ramp to eastbound US 36 and the westbound US 36 off-ramp to McCaslin
- Begin the McCaslin bridge widening



Laying permanent pavement on eastbound US 36

July:

- Complete the Sheridan Boulevard bridge
- Realign eastbound US 36 traffic from 80th Street (east of Sheridan Boulevard) to Federal Boulevard onto new permanent pavement
- Continue McCaslin on-ramp bridge construction and bridge widening
- Construct multiple irrigation ditches
- Demolish westbound pavement between 88th and McCaslin

August:

- Begin the first phase of permanent pavement on westbound US 36 from 88th Street to Wadsworth Parkway
- Start the final phase of construction on the US 36 bridge over the BNSF Railway
- Begin widening the westbound US 36 bridge over Promenade Crossing
- Finish construction of the West and East Flatiron bridges
- Install aesthetic treatments on the Sheridan Boulevard bridge
- Construct the final phase of Big Dry Creek pedestrian crossing and Rock Creek
- Begin scenic overlook construction
- Continue westbound permanent paving from McCaslin to Cherryvale

SAFETY WEEK 2014

More than 30 construction companies across the country, including Ames Granite, participated in Safety Week on May 4-10, with the ultimate goal of working injury- and incident-free. The week kicked off with work zone awareness, which emphasized the dangers of roadway construction, because between 2003 and 2010, there were more than 950 fatalities with roadway construction workers – a startling statistic.

Even more startling is that the simple act of reversing a vehicle triggers approximately 25 percent of all accidents, yet it occupies less than 1 percent of a driver's time behind the wheel. Recently, Ames Granite implemented several new procedures to eliminate vehicle reversing incidents on the US 36 Express Lanes Project.

The beginning of the week was spent inspecting job sites, looking for hazardous debris and learning how to avoid being struck by debris – which is the second highest cause of construction-related deaths, and 75 percent of those fatalities involve heavy equipment.

The team also spent the week learning how to prevent other types of job-related injuries and reviewing fire prevention.

Through what was learned in Safety Week, Ames Granite will continue to strive to keep the US 36 Express Lanes Project incident- and accident-free.



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