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NORTH I-25 EXPRESS LANES

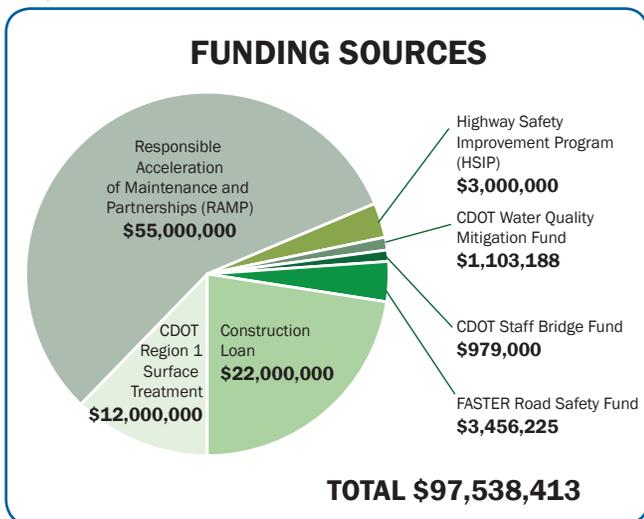
PROJECT OVERVIEW AND FUNDING

The North I-25 corridor stretches from Union Station/Speer Boulevard in Denver to the Wyoming border and plays a significant role in the quality of life and economic vitality of a growing metropolitan area and northern Colorado. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is designing improvements in segments and phases to take advantage of multiple funding sources and completed environmental impact statements. Ultimate build-out of the I-25 improvements will result in three general-purpose lanes and one tolled express lane in each direction on the entire corridor as well as carpool and transit facilities.

The segments of this enormous undertaking to provide HOV/Express Lanes within North I-25 include:

- 20th Street in downtown Denver to US 36—**OPEN** Two reversible Express Lanes that opened in June 2006.
- US 36 and 120th Avenue—**OPEN** A six-mile segment that added one HOV/tolled Express Lane in each direction to three general purpose lanes and opened in summer 2016.
- 120th Avenue and Northwest Parkway/E-470—**UNDERWAY** This segment adds one new HOV/tolled Express Lane in each direction separated from the three, free general-purpose lanes. Anticipated completion of this segment is winter 2018.
- Johnstown to Fort Collins (segments 7 and 8)—**FUTURE** One new HOV/tolled Express Lane in each direction as well as replace four bridges and widen four bridges within the North I-25 corridor.
- Northwest Parkway/E-470 to CO 66 (segment 4); CO66 to CO56 (segment 5); and CO 56 to CO 402 (segment 6) **AWAITING FUNDING**

Funding for the current project from 120th Avenue to the Northwest Parkway/E-470 comes from:



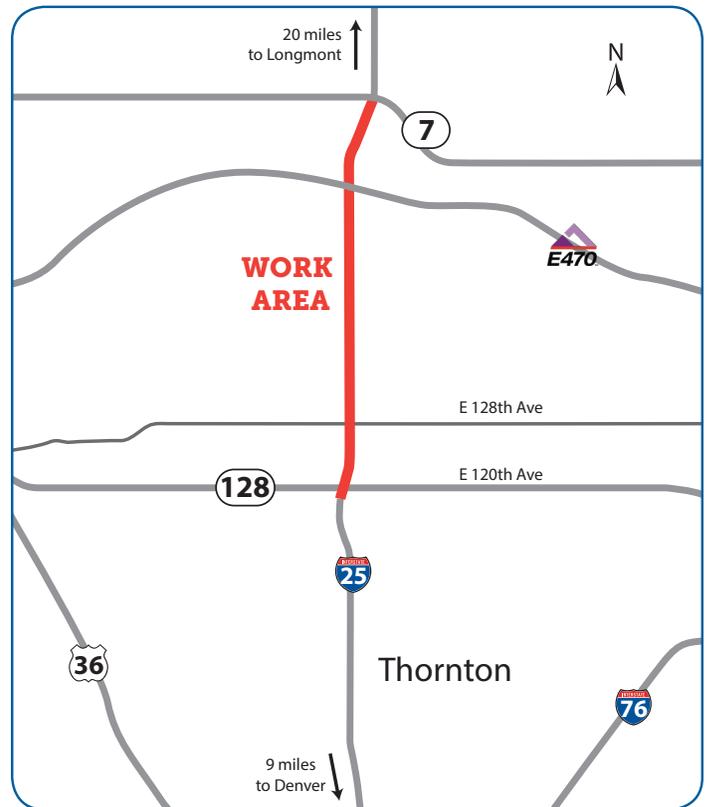
Other locations in Colorado where you'll find HOV/Express Lanes and their status include:

- US 36 from I-25 to Boulder—**OPEN**;
- I-70 Mountain Corridor between Idaho Springs and Empire—**OPEN**;
- C-470 from I-25 to Wadsworth—**PROJECT STARTED NOVEMBER 2016**; and
- Central I-70 from I-25 to Chambers—**DESIGN PHASE**.

For more information on Express Lanes, visit www.codot.gov/programs/expresslanes.

BEYOND LANES

Going through a traditionally agricultural area, the North I-25 Express Lanes project involves more than an additional roadway lane. Crews are also working on an expanded box culvert that passes under I-25 in the vicinity of 144th Avenue. Constructing this box culvert requires work in the center of the highway, so crews are providing detour lanes for northbound and



southbound traffic that will need a driver's full attention to the lane shifts. Work on the culvert will be completed by spring 2017. Adjacent to the natural drainage of Big Dry Creek, and part of the Bull Canal, this culvert is an irrigation system of the Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company (FRICO). Work on this portion of the canal has been timed to coincide with the roadway improvements and minimize disruptions to travelers along this busy corridor.

The history of Big Dry Creek and the Bull Canal is directly tied to the growth of Colorado's farm economy in the early 20th century and the expansion of irrigation systems into previously unreached areas of the state's semi-arid northeastern plains. In 1902, Denver retailer and real estate investor Thomas Croke teamed with Ottawa Joseph ("O.J.") Standley and Milton Smith to incorporate the Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company, an enterprise whose goal was to develop a profitable system of irrigation canals and reservoirs that would provide water to the rapidly developing farm country north of the city. The men pursued the development of irrigation projects not as farmers, but as entrepreneurs and investors. Their effort coincided with the explosion of the sugar beet industry in northeastern Colorado, which boosted the agricultural economy over the following decades. To learn more about Big Dry Creek and the Bull Canal, see this website: www.ci.westminster.co.us/ExploreWestminster/AbouttheCity/WestminsterHistory/Ditches/BigDryCreekandtheBullCanal



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120th to Northwest Parkway/E-470



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PROJECT PARTNERSHIPS

A project this large and complicated requires the talents, skills and collaboration of multiple partners and subcontractors. Thanks to the following entities and businesses that are working toward a successful North I-25 Express Lanes project between 120th Avenue and the Northwest Parkway/E-470 and CO Hwy 7.

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| City of Westminster | Empirical Environmental, LLC |
| City of Broomfield | GRL Engineering |
| City of Thornton | High Country Fence |
| City of Northglenn | HTM Construction |
| Adams County | HydroTurf |
| Weld County | Ideal Fencing Corporation |
| Apex Design | Independent Painting & Coatings, Inc |
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| Alpha Milling Company | Smith Environmental & Engineering |
| Brannan Construction | Standard Concrete |
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| Colorado Barricade | ZoZo Group, LLC |

HOW ABOUT HOV3?

CDOT and the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) want to remind drivers that CDOT's High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Express Lanes changed from HOV 2+ to HOV 3+ on Jan. 1, 2017. HOV 3+ entails that a driver and at least two passengers must be traveling in order for the vehicle to use the Express Lane. The change affects the US 36 and I-25 Express Lanes, two corridors that offer free carpooling in the Express Lanes. The move to HOV 3+ helps provide uncongested travel now and in the future on the Express Lanes and provides the choice to have a reliable trip either as a passenger on RTD services, carpools or as a toll patron. The fees collected as tolls or for transponder use help offset costs of the express lane including operations and maintenance. Learn more about HOV3 by visiting the Express Lanes Frequently Asked Questions posted by CDOT. www.codot.gov/programs/expresslanes/facts/programs/expresslanes/facts/frequently-asked-questions-faqs



PEDICAB POP UP

With the upcoming closure of a pedestrian tunnel under I-25 that connects the Wagon Road Park N Ride on the west side of the interstate to the businesses and community center on the east side of the interstate, a unique opportunity presented itself to ease the one-mile pedestrian detour the closure required. CDOT will offer a short duration pedicab service to those that typically access the area businesses or RTD services using the pedestrian tunnel. The dates and duration of the pedestrian tunnel closure will be determined in the coming months. At that time, CDOT will launch their Pedicab Pop Up, providing complimentary pedicab rides to pedestrians on weekdays between 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. during a four-week period. Stay tuned for additional details as the project progresses and dates are determined.

WAYS TO COMMUTE

Smart Commute Metro North is offering some incentives to help you commute smarter! For more information or to sign up, check out www.smartcommutemetronorth.org/idrivei25.

STAY INFORMED:

For additional information about this project, call the project information line at 720-737-5118, email the team at i25northconstruction@gmail.com, or visit the project website and sign up for updates at www.tinyurl.com/i25-north-express. For information on travel conditions, visit CoTrip.org, sign up for GovDelivery, or call 511. Updates are also available via Twitter @coloradodot and CDOT's Facebook page at Facebook.com/coloradodot.

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