



### January 2018 Issue

# North I-25 Express Lanes Project Update

#### **SAFETY**

It's official—winter is here! As temperatures drop, snow falls and ice forms, we ask all motorists to:

- Check your tires to ensure tread depth to provide appropriate traction
- Leave extra room between your vehicle and those around you
- Drive for the conditions
- Bow to the plow—allow snow plows space to work
- Check cotrip.org for up-to-date travel information
- Have a plan in place in case you are stuck in a serious storm
- Become familiar with Colorado's Passenger Vehicle Traction Law and Passenger Vehicle Chain Law

Our crews continue to work through the winter season, so please use extra caution as you travel through the work zone.

#### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

More than 350 work days have occurred since the start of the project and much progress has been achieved this quarter. The North I-25 Express Lanes team focused efforts on earthwork, drainage, asphalt paving, bridge deck pouring and retaining and sound wall construction. The project is expected to be complete in winter 2018/2019.

#### Big Dry Creek Bridge

Work to widen the Big Dry Creek bridge made significant progress this quarter. Both the east and west portions of the bridge deck were poured, the installation of bridge supports were completed and the installation of wall panels has begun. The Big Dry Creek Trail is scheduled to re-open late spring 2018.

#### Earthwork, Drainage, Paving and Sound Walls

Crews completed earth walls, roadway earthwork (including drainage) throughout the project area and asphalt paving. Sound wall panels were completed and installed throughout the project area.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

The North I-25 Express Lanes team will continue progress early in the new year, focusing on:

- Installation of permanent fencing in the backyard of residents along I-25 on Acoma Street.
- Electrical work, including ramp lighting and installation of intelligent transportation system poles and devices to aid in tolling and traffic management.
- Ramp, roadway and paving work from eastbound/westbound Northwest Parkway/E-470 to I-25.

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# Ways to Commute

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

Waterproofing of Bridge at Big Dry Creek



Sound Wall and Paving along SB I-25







#### **BACKGROUND**

The North I-25 Express Lanes project from 120th Avenue to Northwest Parkway/E-470 is a \$97.5 million project that will improve safety, capacity and user choice in a rapidly developing region.

This project continues the previous Express Lanes project, which was completed on I-25 between US 36 and 120th Avenue, and will extend the Express Lanes to Northwest Parkway/E-470. The project will add capacity on I-25 up to Northwest Parkway/E-470 and construct a new asphalt surface from 120th Avenue to Colorado Highway 7. Motorists can expect the roadway to be in its final alignment by winter 2018.

Construction will take place Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with periodic night and weekend work. Motorists can expect various lane closures on both northbound and southbound I-25 as well as periodic ramp closures. Traffic will be maintained during peak travel times throughout construction.

# **About Express Lanes**

Express Lanes increase roadway capacity and help to manage congestion on the highways. The use of toll pricing during peak travel times reduces delays, manages congestion, and maintains reliable travel times. Express Lanes are currently open between:

- 120th Avenue and US 36 on North and South I-25
- I-25/US 36 interchange to downtown Denver/Speer Blvd.
- US 36 from Denver to Boulder
- I-70 Mountain Express Lane

Visit www.codot.gov/programs/expresslanes for more information. To get an ExpressToll account and pass, visit www.expresstoll.com.

# **Traffic Impacts**

Construction will take place Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with periodic night and weekend work.

### Impacts include:

- Lane closures
- Ramp closures
- Reduced speed limits
- Lane shifts
- Trail closures

# **I-25 Project Boundary**



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