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#### June Issue

# North I-25 Express Lanes Project Update

Summer has officially arrived which means summer events are in full swing! Give yourself extra time to get to your destination and drive carefully through construction zones. Keep your eyes on the road and "Slow for the Cone Zone." You can even see what traffic is like before you leave by visiting www.CoTrip.org! This will keep our roads safe and ensure that everyone has a great summer.

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### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The I-25 construction project is almost 50% complete! Significant progress has been made in the past 230 working days to accommodate the expansion of the highway and construction of new express lanes. All of the project's structures, including bridges, retaining walls, and tunnels will be completed in the next three months (some of them are already complete). Once the major structures are finished, the final phase of the project will be dirt work and asphalt resurfacing. Here is some more information on progress at the following locations:

#### Bull Creek Canal Box Culvert

On February 2, 2017 the highway was shifted to accommodate construction in the center of the highway. On June 21 and June 22 it was shifted back to the original alignment, marking the completion of the Bull Creek Canal Box Culvert (concrete storm water drainage structure) construction.

### 120th Entrance Ramp and Retaining Wall

To reduce the construction impact on parking at local businesses at the 120th Avenue northbound entrance ramp, a retaining wall was built, thereby minimizing the project footprint. The wall has been completed and is ready to be back filled with dirt.



#### Retaining Wall at 120th Avenue Entrance Ramp

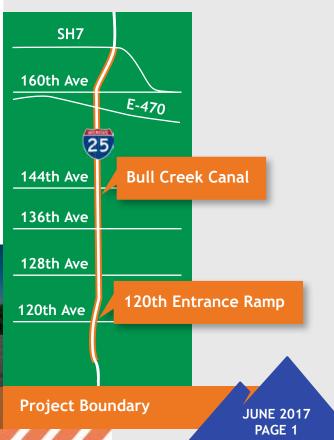
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www.smartcommutemetronorth.org/idrivei25



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#### **Big Dry Creek Bridge**

Work continues on the Big Dry Creek Trail I-25 underpass and between 136th and 128th Avenues. The bridge abutments (bridge supports) have been poured and new girders (steel beams) will be set at the end of July. The trail will remain closed until the end of summer for pedestrian safety.

#### **RTD Bus & Pedestrian Tunnel**

Work is also progressing south of 120th Avenue on the RTD bus tunnel and pedestrian tunnel expansion. Walls have been poured and girders have been set. Significant progress has been made, however the pedestrian tunnel will remain closed through the end of July. Detour routes are posted and up-todate information can be found on the project website.

#### Sound Walls

Just north of E-470 in our construction yard, our team is busy casting panels for the new sound walls. These panels will be transported and installed on the new foundations south of 120th Avenue. Residents will be able to enjoy reduced traffic noise soon!



#### Asphalt Resurfacing

From 136th to south of 120th Avenues, dirt work has been completed in preparation for the new lanes. Asphalt paving will take place next month and then these lanes will be ready for traffic!



Big Dry Creek Bridge, south of 136th Avenue



RTD Bus Tunnel, south of 120th Avenue



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#### 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
- US 36 from Denver to Boulder
- I-70 Mountain Express Lane
- I-25/US 36 interchange to downtown Denver/Speer Blvd.

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



Pedestrian Tunnel

# **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

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Sign Structure at 144th Avenue

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