



I-25 NORTH EXPRESS LANES

OVERVIEW

In October 2013, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began a safety and mobility project on a 6-mile segment of I-25 between US 36 and 120th Avenue. The project will maximize the use of the existing highway infrastructure to expand the capacity of I-25 by adding one HOV/tolled Express Lane in each direction. In addition, the project will resurface the existing lanes along this 6-mile stretch.

The new Express Lanes will connect directly with the existing I-25 Express Lanes leading into and out of downtown Denver, providing motorists with the option of carpooling or paying a toll for a more reliable commute, or utilizing the existing general purpose lanes for free.

Flatiron Constructors Inc. is the contractor for this project, which is scheduled for completion in January 2016.

PROGRESS

To date, the project is approximately 90 percent complete.

Although it was originally scheduled for completion in October 2015, the project has been extended through January 2016 so additional sound walls can be put in place.

As of Oct 20, 2015, 100 percent of northbound mainline and HOV paving has been completed. Current and upcoming work is focusing on the completion of asphalt and concrete pavement, overhead sign installation, HOV lane improvements, and sound wall construction.

Crews expect the express lanes to be intermittently open to the public by mid-January 2016, with paid tolling anticipated in April. From January to April travel in the express lanes will be free for all drivers while CDOT tests the tolling software and equipment.

Please note, all work is weather dependent and schedules are subject to change.

WORKING HOURS & IMPACTS

Normal working hours are Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and no lanes will be closed during the day.



Completed paving on north bound I-25

Night work, requiring double lane closures, will take place from 10:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Some night work on Fridays as well as weekend work will take place as needed.

Temporary closures of all northbound or southbound lanes will take place between 1 and 3 a.m. through mid-December, to remove large overhead signs. The existing sign structures are being removed to prepare for the new I-25 Express Lanes signage that will provide instructions and guidance about the use of the new express lane system. The new signs are also considered an upgrade to the current signs as they are constructed with “full-cube” prismatic reflective sheeting, making them more visible to motorists at night.

“The new signs eliminate the need for external lighting on the overhead signs—which will significantly reduce maintenance costs and eliminate energy costs,” boasts CDOT Project Engineer, Jason Lucerna.

Detours will be in place to direct motorists around closures for overhead sign removal. Some night work on Fridays as well as weekend work will take place as needed.

Please note: Motorists should not cross into closed lanes on I-25 for their own safety and the safety of the construction team. Lanes are closed at night to accommodate for large, heavy construction equipment and setting time for asphalt, concrete and striping.

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PROJECT UPDATE

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about the project, please leave a message on the project hotline or email us. You will receive a response within 24 hours on business days.

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SMART COMMUTE CORNER

Smart Commute Metro North, the official travel options partner for the I-25 North Express Lanes Project, is here to help YOU find relief during the two-year construction project. Smart Commute has created some great options to relieve the stress of driving on I-25 during rush hours.

- Get a free RTD 10-ride ticketbook to ride an express bus into downtown Denver
- “Drive for Free or Ride and Relax” in a Smart Commute vanpool for a flat rate of \$100 a month

If you have to stay in your car, be sure to download CDOT Mobile to your smart phone to find out about current travel conditions on north I-25 and get further information about Smart Commute’s incentives.

To sign up for the incentives above, visit Smart Commute online at www.idrivei25.com or contact Paul DesRocher, TDM Manager, at paul@smartcommutemetronorth.org or 720-515-8674.