



EB I-70 Peak Period Shoulder Lane



**MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR
CONSTRUCTORS**

URS and Lawrence Construction Company, LLC

FACT SHEET

The Eastbound I-70 Peak Period Shoulder Lane (PPSL) is a Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) project that will provide interim eastbound operational improvements to relieve traffic congestion during periods when traffic volumes are highest. CDOT has contracted with Mountain Corridor Constructors, a partnership of URS and Lawrence Construction Company, to lead construction efforts of the \$72 million project.

Today



Fall 2015: PPSL Closed



Fall 2015: PPSL Open



Project Highlights

- Upgrade 13-miles of Eastbound I-70 within CDOT's existing right of way to utilize the wide shoulder
- Operate the shoulder as a third, optional express lane during peak travel periods
- The existing two general purpose lanes will remain free to the travelling public
- Toll pricing varies to meet the needs of traffic flow
- Install new digital signage to alert travelers when the third lane is available
- Reconstruct the interchange at SH-103 including replacement of the bridge over I-70
- Reconfigure and reconstruct the interchange at Exit 241 on the East side of Idaho Springs
- Architectural and landscape enhancements at Waterwheel Park in Idaho Springs (Exit 240)

Project Benefits

- Dynamic toll pricing keeps traffic moving: prices lower to encourage drivers to use the lane and rise as the lane reaches capacity
- Reduces travel time by nearly half from the Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnels to the top of Floyd Hill, resulting in an average 30-minute time savings
- Provides drivers with the choice of a new more reliable travel lane
- Avoids overbuilding I-70, by using the shoulder as a third lane, during peak hours
- Enhances recent Twin Tunnels (Veterans Memorial Tunnels) improvements
- Allows for faster speeds in all lanes, thus decreasing overall traffic time

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Project Duration and Timing

July 16, 2014 marked the official PPSL kick-off, with major construction activity beginning the week of July 21, 2014. The project is scheduled for completion by the Fall of 2015.

- **Summer/Fall 2014** – Shoulder hardening will begin in Empire Junction and work East towards Idaho Springs with minimal daytime lane interruption expected. In addition, improvements to historic Charlie Taylor Waterwheel Park (Exit 240) will begin, and the SH 103 bridge and interchange will be reconstructed.
- **Spring/Summer 2015** – Crews will reconfigure the Exit 241 interchange on the south side of Idaho Springs, repave the entire eastbound section of I-70 and final express lane installation will occur.
- **Fall 2015** – Final testing and opening of the Eastbound I-70 Peak Period Shoulder Lane.

About Eastbound I-70 PPSL

The Eastbound I-70 Peak Period Shoulder Lane (PPSL) project is part of CDOT’s comprehensive plan to improve travel in the I-70 Mountain Corridor. The PPSL project will provide eastbound operational improvements to relieve traffic congestion during periods when traffic volumes are highest. This \$72 million dollar investment is expected to save motorists an average of 30 minutes in travel time. Construction of the 13-mile upgrade, between Empire Junction and Idaho Springs is slated for completion by Fall 2015. For more information visit the project [website](#) or call 303-223-6581. For current road and weather conditions you can also text CDOT to 25827 or download the CDOT mobile application to your smartphone.



Para obtener más información sobre el proyecto o para dejar un mensaje para un miembro del equipo del proyecto, por favor llame al 303-223-6581

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