



Eastbound I-70 PPSL December 2014 Newsletter

Shoulder work continues to move east on the Peak Period Shoulder Lane project towards the Twin Tunnels. Winter conditions have been relatively mild allowing work between Empire Junction and Idaho Springs to gradually progress, with the exception of a couple of days that fell below freezing in mid-November. Construction crews will be working throughout the winter towards the final completion date of fall 2015.

SH 103 Bridge

Last month during bridge excavation, groundwater with naturally occurring contaminants such as Lead and Iron were discovered. Metal contaminants are often found in historic mining communities like Idaho Springs. When treated, these metals do not pose a public or environmental health threat, but in order to complete bridge construction, the water must be removed from the excavation site.

The Mountain Corridor Constructors (MCC) project team has since secured a permit from the City of Idaho Springs to discharge the treated groundwater into the sewage system. MCC has installed a filtration system to clean the groundwater in accordance with the permit issued by the City. The groundwater discharged into the sewage system is further treated by the sewage plant before being discharged into the creek. This double cleaning process keeps Clear Creek clean and protects downstream users from any potential contamination.

The dewatering process at the SH 103 Bridge is well underway and should take less time than initially anticipated because of the ability to work directly with the local Public Work's sanitary system. Dewatering at the north abutment is expected to be completed by the week of December 8th. Concurrently, precast bridge panels and girders are being poured at an off-site construction yard in Metro Denver so they will be ready to place at the end of the month. **The bridge is expected to re-open to the public the week of January 12th.** Exit 240 ramp work is estimated to begin in the spring of 2015.

Holiday Travel

CDOT and MCC recognize how critical the I-70 Mountain Corridor is to all of the surrounding communities and are committed to helping them realize a prosperous holiday season. To accommodate all of the travelers that head to the high country for the holidays, the PPSL project will not have any lane closures over the Christmas holiday (December 24th-27th) or New Year's holiday (December 31st- January 4th.)

For up-to-date lane closure notifications, please continue to visit the project website (www.i70ppsl.com) or call the project hotline 303-223-6581 for additional information. To receive real-time updates about road conditions in your area, visit www.coloradodot.info and click on the green cell phone icon in the upper right hand corner of the page.

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