



Eastbound I-70 PPSL November 2014 Newsletter

After three months of construction, the Eastbound I-70 Peak Period Shoulder Lane (PPSL) project is well underway, with a projected completion by fall 2015. October marked numerous milestones for the project including the I-70 Mountain Corridor telephone town hall meeting and the demolition of the SH 103 Bridge.

The telephone town hall, which took place on October 15th, reached more than 3,500 nearby residents. The agenda focused on active construction projects in the Corridor and winter operations. If you were unable to join this call and would like to hear a recording of the meeting, visit our website at www.i70ppsl.com and click on the audio link at the top of the homepage.

SH 103 Bridge Update

Demolition of the SH 103 Bridge took place between October 19-21 and work to build the new bridge has begun. During the excavation, naturally occurring groundwater 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.

The Mountain Corridor Constructors (MCC) project team is in the process of securing a standard remediation dewatering permit from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and will be adhering to the required treatment guidelines to ensure that water is treated to meet CDPHE's safety standards before being displaced. MCC is working closely with the City of Idaho Springs to make water removal arrangements. The overarching goal is keeping Clear Creek clean and protecting downstream users from any potential contamination.

This treatment process is expected to take between two to four weeks. During this time work will continue. Precast bridge panels and girders will be poured at the off-site construction yard in Metro Denver. Upon completion, these parts will be transported to the project-site for installation.

Given the necessary groundwater mitigation, combined with winter weather, bridge completion could be delayed as late as mid-January instead of late-November. Every opportunity for schedule acceleration will be taken, however the first priority is protecting Clear Creek. With construction extending into the holiday season, additional measures will be taken to minimize impacts for those who live, work and travel through the I-70 Mountain Corridor. This includes:

- Additional wayfinding signage installed directing travelers to the Idaho Springs Business District
- Temporary safety lighting installed along the bicycle/pedestrian path
- A special construction schedule in place during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's (details to come)

During this delay we will be focused on communicating updates as they become available with residents, businesses and their customers. Please continue to visit the project website (www.i70ppsl.com) or call the project hotline 303-223-6581 for additional information.

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