

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

State Highway 14 / Mulberry Street between Riverside Avenue and South Lemay Avenue

State Highway 14 Poudre River Bridge Project Overview

In mid-September 2014, the Colorado Department of Transportation will begin a bridge replacement project on State Highway 14 (East Mulberry Street) over the Cache La Poudre River. The active construction zone will be between Riverside Avenue and South Lemay Avenue within the City of Fort Collins. This 0.3 mile stretch of State Highway 14 is used by approximately 25,000 vehicles per day. Traffic impacts and delays are expected. As described below, the project requires a temporary detour for eastbound State Highway 14 traffic between Riverside and South Lemay Avenues. The project is anticipated to be complete in November 2015; the eastbound State Highway 14 detour will be in place for the majority of the project duration.

Bridge Replacement Will Improve Mobility and Aesthetics

Originally built in 1949, the existing bridge is structurally deficient and warrants replacement as part of the Colorado Bridge Enterprise (CBE). As a gateway to Fort Collins, the new bridge will nearly double the existing width to provide an additional westbound travel lane, bicycle lanes, eight-foot sidewalks and a landscaped median. Other project features include new retaining walls, storm sewer and a modified access to the Waste Water Treatment plant. CDOT will also construct an improved 10-foot wide bicycle path under the east side of the bridge, which will enhance the Poudre River Trail. The finished structure will incorporate many urban beautification features: decorative pedestrian railings, stone details, structural stained concrete, raised planters, and custom etchings on the bridge columns.

Eastbound State Highway 14 Detour Shortens Construction Duration

CDOT worked closely with the City of Fort Collins to determine detour routes and construction phasing. By implementing a temporary detour for eastbound State Highway 14, the project can be constructed in two phases and in less time. Refer to the detour map on the following page.

In late September 2014, eastbound traffic will be detoured to the south at Riverside Avenue. Two eastbound State Highway 14 detour routes will be signed:

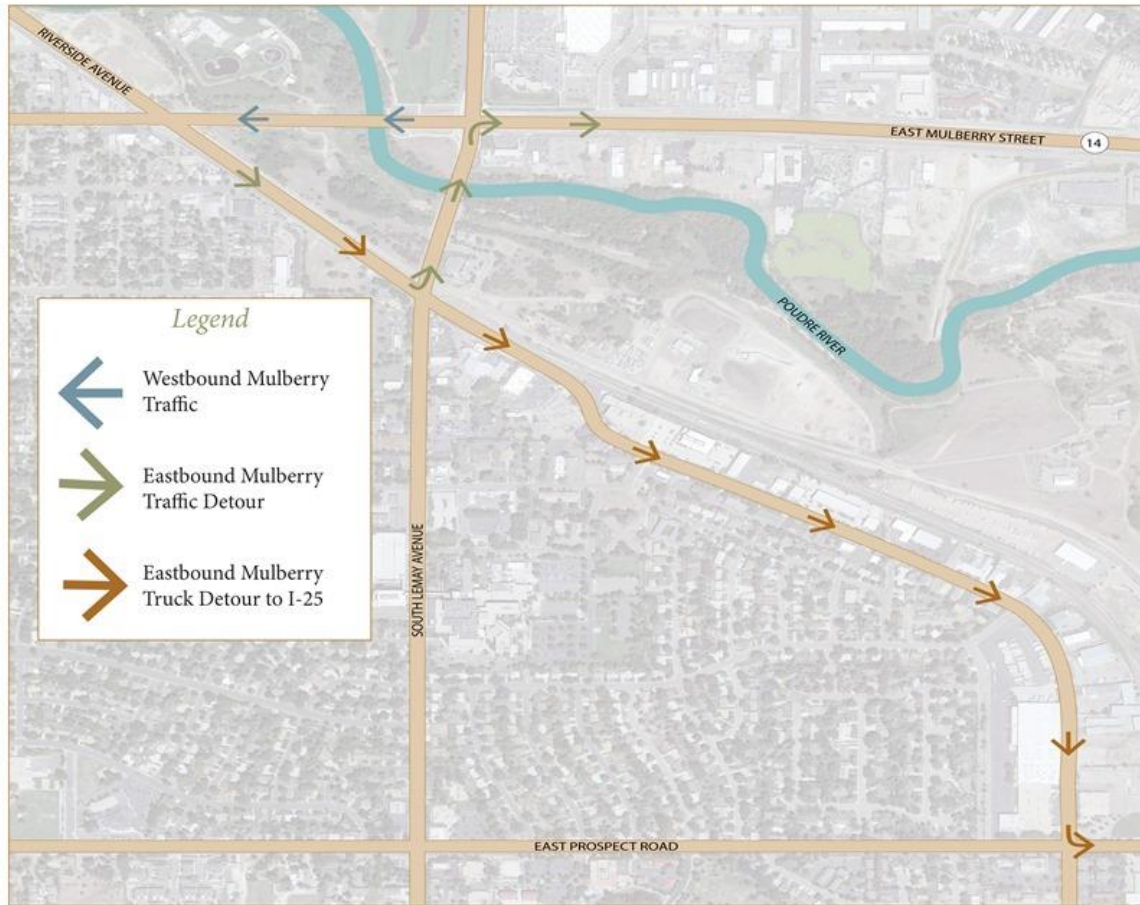
- 1) Riverside Avenue to northbound South Lemay Avenue to eastbound State Highway 14
- 2) Riverside Avenue to eastbound East Prospect Road (for truck and I-25 traffic)

The eastbound State Highway 14 detour will require temporary intersection modifications at both Riverside Avenue / South Lemay Avenue and Riverside Avenue / East Prospect Road. These two intersections will experience construction activity beginning the week of September 15, 2014.

By the end of September 2014, the two westbound lanes of State Highway 14 will transition to the south side of the bridge to use the space vacated by the eastbound travel lanes. With

few exceptions, two westbound lanes will remain open on State Highway 14 during the project. Several full closures of State Highway 14 are anticipated during weeknight hours for girder placement and bridge deck concrete work. These limited closures will be coordinated closely with the City and a night-work detour for westbound State Highway 14 traffic will be in place utilizing northbound South Lemay Avenue to westbound East Lincoln Avenue to southbound Riverside Avenue.

CONSTRUCTION DETOUR



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Visit the project website at www.coloradodot.info/projects/SH14PoudreRiver for more information including the latest Poudre River Trail closures and detours.

If you have questions or concerns, please leave a message on the project information line or send an email to the project email address below.

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