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McCaslin Boulevard's Diverging Diamond Interchange

DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE (DDI) CONSTRUCTION... WHAT'S NEXT?

Now that traffic is running on the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI), multiple activities will continue throughout November and December to complete construction. After the final surface paving of McCaslin Boulevard and the on- and off-ramps concludes, the following activities will take place:

- Concrete flatwork, sidewalks, curb and qutter, etc.
- · Island construction
- Landscaping
- Archway setting
- · Permanent signing placement

Daytime single lane restrictions will continue, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and single and double

lane restrictions nightly, 9 p.m.-5:30 a.m., on McCaslin Boulevard between Dillon and Marshall Roads.

Get connected and sign up for weekly construction updates here. One lane of travel will remain open at all times during construction unless an advertised full closure is planned and unavoidable for the safety of the traveling public during construction and installations.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

The project team would like to take a moment to thank the businesses, residents, commuters, stakeholders and visitors to our area for their continued patience during construction. We certainly understand that the ongoing construction has made it difficult for those living or working in this area. The Town of Superior and City of Louisville have been particularly supportive as they work with the impacts from the construction of the new Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at US 36 and McCaslin Boulevard. Phase 2 construction, from 88th Street to Table Mesa Drive, will continue into early 2016. Again, we thank you for your patience and for bearing with us. We hope you enjoy your future travels on the new US 36 and the Express Lanes.

REMINDER

The switchable transponder is required for carpools to avoid charges on US 36. HOV vehicles without a switchable HOV transponder will be charged, regardless of the number of passengers. To sign up for an ExpressToll account and get a pass, visit www.expresstoll.com or call 303-537-3470.

NAVIGATING THE NEW BIKEWAY... AN AVID USER'S PERSPECTIVE

The US 36 Express Lanes Phase 1 bikeway has been open for several months, and it has become a common sight to see many cyclists during their morning or evening commute. Barton K., Broomfield resident and avid user of the newly installed bikeway, took a few minutes to answer some questions about his experiences using the path since it opened.

1) What is your primary use of the bikeway and on average how often do you use it?

I use the bikeway to commute to and from work four or more days a week, with the occasional weekend trip.



Enjoying the newly opened bikeway

2) How/why did you begin using the bikeway as an alternative travel option? Any advice, tips, or encouragement for others on how to get started?

I have been trying to commute by bike for many years but have never been consistent. Sharing roadways not designed for bikes is scary, even in the best of conditions and a lot of the bike "routes" weren't really designed for a commuter. The US 36 path alleviates many hazards for bicyclists.

The best advice I can give is to use the three "P's": Plan, Prepare and Participate.

- Plan your route beforehand, try it out on a day you don't need to get to work.
- Prepare a list of what you need depending on the weather for the day and expected temperatures. My list includes lights, various warm gear and repair tools. Set this out the night before to be able to get up and go.
- Participate there are days when you really don't want to ride when you get up, but get out there and do it, it is worth
 it!

I consistently have many wonderful moments on the trail. This fall, as I passed Church Lake, I rode eye level with a V-shaped flock of Canadian geese starting their morning out. It's moments like these that start my day off right.

3) How have the US 36 Express Lanes Project bikeway improvements affected your experience?

I track my miles, and I have gone from trying to ride once a week to four or more days a week. Even as it gets colder, I feel safe to continue commuting by bike. My usual fall drop-off hasn't happened this year as a direct result of the bikeway!

4) Any features that you particularly enjoy that you would like to see on other bikeways?

I appreciate that the route is as direct as possible while still keeping the distance from the highway when possible. This isn't necessarily a recreation trail, and as such, many of the others I see on the trail are obvious commuters that appreciate it.

Designed to be multimodal, the bikeway is a very important piece of the US 36 Express Lanes Project, and was eagerly awaited by many throughout construction. It is experiences like Barton's that will hopefully inspire people to try it for themselves, or perhaps encourage others to use it more frequently. The Phase 2 bikeway is still under construction and will open after the Phase 2 roadway. Upon completion, the bikeway will run between 80th Avenue in Westminster to Table Mesa Drive in Boulder and provide a safe and enjoyable experience for users.

PHASE 2 TOLL RATES APPROVED!

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) Board approved the toll rates for Phase 2 of the US 36 Express Lanes Project and special event rates. To ensure a reliable travel time in the Express Lanes, toll rates will vary at different times of the day depending on traffic congestion.

The toll rates will go into effect in early 2016. Carpoolers can use Express Lanes free of charge with a switchable transponder. The Express Lanes also accommodate riders on RTD's Bus Rapid Transit service.

Click here for the Phase 2 US 36 Express Lanes and special events tolling fact sheet.

	Time of Day	ExpressToll Rates*	License Plate Toll Rates* (no pass) =Toll + Fee
Morning Low Peak	6:45-7:15	\$6.50*	\$13.85*
Morning High Peak	7:15-8:15	\$8.75*	\$16.28*
Mid-day	10:00-3:00	\$1.25	\$7.00
Afternoon Low Peak	3:30-4:30	\$3.45	\$8.70
Afternoon High Peak	4:30-6:00	\$3.75	\$8.95
Weekends	Sat/Sun	\$1.75	\$7.00

Toll Rates - Table Mesa to Denver