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US 36 eastbound and westbound near Table Mesa Drive

US 36 PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION TO BOULDER UNDERWAY

Construction has begun on Phase 2 of the US 36 Express Lanes Project, which will complete the improvements of US 36 between Denver and Boulder. Construction began this fall and will be complete by early 2016.

The project is CDOT's first public-private partnership (P3) – an innovative partnership between public and private sectors to expedite transportation improvements by providing financial support and building projects that benefit the traveling public. The P3 arrangement enables the project to be completed 20 years sooner than traditional funding would allow.

As an extension of Phase 1, Phase 2 will mirror the same features:

- Adding an express lane in each direction of US 36 for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) and tolled Single Occupancy Vehicles (SOV);
- Reconstructing five miles of existing pavement from 88th Street in Louisville/Superior to Table Mesa Drive/Foothills Parkway in Boulder and widen the highway to accommodate 12-foot inside and outside shoulders;
- Replacing the Coal Creek Bridge, rehabilitating and widening the South Boulder Creek bridge, and widening the McCaslin Boulevard bridge to accommodate a diverging diamond interchange;
- Improving the RTD station at McCaslin Boulevard; and
- Building a new commuter bikeway

Upon completion of both Phase 1 and Phase 2, CDOT and the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) will enter into a 50-year agreement with Plenary Roads Denver (the Concessionaire) who will operate and maintain the US 36 and I-25 Express Lanes and collect toll revenues.

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Phase 1 – Federal Boulevard to 88th Street Bridge

- Finish work on Wadsworth Parkway
- Continue paving and grading throughout the US 36 corridor
- Switch traffic onto new southbound Sheridan Boulevard bridge, demo the old structure, and reconstruct on- and off-ramps
- Complete noise wall installation on eastbound US 36 between Sheridan and Federal Boulevard

Phase 2 – 88th Street Bridge to Table Mesa Drive

- Grading
- Drainage and barrier installation
- Electrical relocations
- Bikeway construction



Eastbound paving preparations
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DAVIDSON MESA OVERLOOK CLOSURE

The scenic overlook on westbound US 36 (just west of McCaslin Boulevard) will remain closed through fall 2014.

This closure is necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public for Phase 2 construction. Upon completion of the closure, visitors to the area can anticipate the following improvements:

- New pavement
- New picnic benches and tables
- New bike racks
- An improved informational kiosk

Ames Granite is working with the Boulder Convention and Visitors Bureau and CDOT to finalize all improvements to the overlook. Watch for updates as plans, designs and drawings are revealed.



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WINTER COMMUTING TIPS

This season brings icy roads, cold rides and shorter days. Our partners at Boulder Transportation Connections collected some tips to help you enjoy your winter commute.

Winter Busing

- Dress warm! With slick roads and potential accidents, plan on the possibility of a bus being delayed.
- Stand back from the road and watch the traffic. Icy roads can lead to accidents, and you want to give traffic as much room as they may need.
- Take an earlier trip. You can't blame the driver for a late bus; they are dealing with the same slick roads as car commuters. Plan ahead if your arrival time isn't flexible.

Winter Biking

- Shorter days mean a race to get home before the sun goes down. Don't risk your safety.
- Consider your clothing. Waterproof can be the most

important consideration because warm clothes getting wet quickly become less-than ideal.

- Annual bike maintenance. Now is a great time to make sure your tires and chain are working properly and ready for a potentially rugged ride.

Winter Carpooling

- Know your carpooling partners. Have each other's numbers to ensure connection when roads are slick.
- Plan ahead! If you know winter weather is rolling in, plan to leave early with your carpool partners.
- Have the talk. Communicate clearly about winter driving expectations so everyone is comfortable with speeds on ice and flexibility of arrival times.

