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Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) bridge demolition

## Bike to Work Day - June 26

Bike to Work Day is just around the corner! This event is the Denver metro region's largest annual cycling event during which nearly 30,000 commuters leave their cars at home to enjoy the benefits of getting to work on two wheels. This year's event takes place on Wednesday, June 26, with breakfast stations open from 6:30-8:30 a.m. for participants to grab a quick bite and some morning fun.

Find breakfast stations, order t-shirts, sign up for the business challenge and get registered for this year's Bike to Work Day at [BikeToWork2013.org](http://BikeToWork2013.org) or visit [36commutingsolutions.org](http://36commutingsolutions.org) for more information.

## Bridge Construction Updates

Bridge construction will be occurring more and more this summer and into the fall. The following activities are scheduled in the coming months:

### US 36 bridge over Lowell Boulevard

- May-June 2013: Construction of approach slabs and roadway, phase one westbound US 36

eastbound US 36 demolition of the existing BNSF bridge (see picture above)

### US 36 bridge over Promenade

- June-July 2013: Phase one demolition of the bridge, eastbound US 36

### Sheridan Boulevard bridge

- Summer 2013: Construction of phase one foundation and substructure for future southbound Sheridan

### Wadsworth Parkway and Uptown Avenue bridges

- June-July 2013: Construction of bridge supports, approaches, and tie-ins, as well as new roadways and bridge ramps

### BNSF bridge

- May-June 2013: Phase one

## Uptown Avenue Bridge Detour (Olde Wadsworth)



### Uptown Avenue Bridge Girder Installation

The girder installation on the Uptown Avenue (Olde Wadsworth) bridge is complete after 22 girders and all of the deck panels were successfully installed over eight nights in May.

The next milestone for the bridge will be the deck pour scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 and Wednesday, June 19. The deck pour will require the closure of east and westbound US 36 from Church Ranch Boulevard to Wadsworth Parkway, 10 p.m.-5:30 a.m. This closure is necessary for safety while crews pour the concrete deck. Detours will be clearly marked. Temporary bus stops will be in place for the RTD bus routes affected during this closure, and signs will be posted to direct riders to the temporary stops.

Commuters can expect to see major construction this summer as five bridges are completely rebuilt and three more are widened to accommodate additional lanes on the highway. Two of the bridges, Wadsworth Parkway and Uptown Avenue, will be complete by November 2013.

### Big Dry Creek Pedestrian Underpass Open



The Big Dry Creek underpass reopened to pedestrians and bikes in May. The improvements include:

- Extension of underpass by approximately 30 feet
- New and improved box structure with a 75-year lifespan

This structure was challenging to construct because of the 25-foot deep excavation and because it was built under east and westbound US 36 while maintaining traffic. The work was completed over five months with crews working multiple day and night shifts, six to seven days a week.

This underpass will remain open through late fall 2013, but will be closed again for 30 days to complete the final construction.