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The newly reconstructed Sheridan Boulevard bridge

PIECES OF THE US 36 PUZZLE COMING TOGETHER

On Oct. 23, nearly 50 local government officials, state legislators and nearby business owners, along with the Regional Transportation District (RTD), Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Ames Granite, gathered to celebrate the completion of the eastbound concrete pavement from 88th Street to Federal Boulevard, and the completion of the new Sheridan Boulevard bridge.



Stakeholders participate in assembling the symbolic US 36 puzzle at the Sheridan Boulevard bridge ceremony

"Each milestone we reach is just another piece of the puzzle falling into place," said Don Hunt, CDOT Executive Director. "Built more than 60 years ago, Sheridan Boulevard was not only aging, but also wasn't able to meet the traffic needs for the area. Now, the bridge has been expanded to meet the current and future needs."

The new Sheridan Boulevard bridge is 62 feet wider and 22 feet longer than its predecessor that was built in the 1950s.



Old Sheridan Bridge

- Two, 11-ft. northbound and southbound lanes
- One, 11-ft. northbound and southbound turn lane

Improved Sheridan Bridge

- Two, 12-ft. southbound lanes
- Three, 12-ft. northbound lanes
- Two, 12-ft. northbound and southbound turn lanes
- 12-ft. shoulder on southbound
- 8.5-ft. sidewalk northbound and southbound
- Median-separated roadway
- Free right access onto eastbound US 36

ANOTHER 200 PEOPLE PUT TO WORK FOR PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION

In addition to the 250 people already working on Phase 1 of the US 36 Express Lanes Project, 200 more jobs have been created on Phase 2. Each new job helps keep the Colorado unemployment rate low.

Some of the new hires for the US 36 Express Lanes Project applied through the Workforce Development Program. The Workforce Development Program is a federal program that promotes training in the craft and professional services field. Ames Granite Joint Venture, the construction contractor on the US 36 Express Lanes Project, had a goal of 14 percent of Workforce Development jobs on Phase 1 and has a goal of 9 percent for Phase 2, with a goal of at least 12 employees graduating from the program.

Currently, Ames Granite employs 75 people to work daytime and nighttime shifts, and has 20 additional sub-contractors working on-site to complete the project by early 2016. Through these subcontractors, an additional 125 jobs were created, totalling 200 new positions on Phase 2.

Phase 2 starts at the 88th Street bridge where Phase 1 ends, and continues west for five miles to Foothills Parkway.

SIX MONTH PHASE 2 (88TH STREET TO TABLE MESA) LOOK AHEAD

As we transition from fall to winter, the visual landscape on Phase 2 will continue to change. Here are a few highlights you can expect to see on Phase 2 before the end of the year:

- Realignment of all of the eastbound and westbound US 36 traffic onto the new concrete pavement.
- Continue construction on the McCaslin Diverging Diamond Interchange.
- Completion of the South Boulder Creek bridge construction.
- Realignment of the westbound US 36 traffic on the new on- and off-ramps at McCaslin Boulevard.
- Realignment of the southbound McCaslin Boulevard traffic to the east, where northbound McCaslin Boulevard traffic is currently driving.



Placing girders for the new McCaslin Boulevard Diverging Diamond Interchange

Spring 2015 will be another busy construction season with the following activities leading the project into the final summer of construction on Phase 2:

- Placement of permanent concrete pavement on US 36.
- Construction of the new westbound RTD bus ramp under the McCaslin Diverging Diamond Interchange.
- Construction of the eastbound US 36 on- and off-ramps at McCaslin Boulevard.
- Completion of the pedestrian tunnel under McCaslin Boulevard.

TRAIL ALERT

As construction continues project-wide, watch for signage and detour routes for the following trails:

Walnut Creek Trail will be closed through Thanksgiving for excavation and drainage installation. Work has been ongoing in the area, however for the safety of the public, access will not be permitted during the final stages of construction.

South Boulder Creek Trail will be closed on either side of US 36 from Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, through Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015. No public access will be allowed while crews make the necessary improvements to the South Boulder Creek bridge.

Though some trail closures are still ahead, the Big Dry Creek trail is open again for public use.

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