

# South Platte Trail users to be detoured while improvements are made to trail and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge

#### What

The South Platte River trail will be closed for about two months.

## When

The trail is scheduled to close the evening of Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015.

Beginning the weekend of Jan. 23-26, no parking will be allowed along most\* of the detour route, and trucks requiring a larger turning radius are advised to use caution when turning near people on bicycles.

## Why

Crews will improve a mile-long section of the trail by widening it from 8 feet to 12 feet, improving site distances, adding lighting and building an adjacent, 5-foot-wide, soft-surface running path.



While the trail is closed, crews will also do drainage and landscaping work and demolish the south half of the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge that crosses over the bike path.

## **Detour Route (see map)**

While the South Platte River trail is closed, trail users will be directed west on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Bryant Street, south on Bryant to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, east on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Tejon Street, south on Tejon to Bayaud Avenue and east on Bayaud to rejoin the bike path. Due to the limited connectivity of the street network in this area, this is the shortest route.

## Traffic and parking impacts

To make it safe for trail users to share the city streets with trucks and other vehicles, crews will paint solid white lines along the detour route to denote 6-foot-wide bike lanes on both sides of the street.

On-street parking will be prohibited along most\* of the detour route, and trucks requiring a larger turning radius are advised to use caution when turning near people on bicycles.

\*NOTE: Parking will be allowed on the south (eastbound) half of Bayaud Avenue during this time period.

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