



# The US 6th Sense



**US 6 Bridges  
Design Build**

**May 2015 – CONSTRUCTION ALERT**

## Construction Progress

### Recent accomplishments

- Reopened a 1-mile stretch of the S. Platte River trail that was closed for reconstruction
  - **Significance: While this portion of the trail is now open, there is still additional work needed. The trail will also need to close again for a few weeks later in the summer. When this happens, the same detour will be utilized, with signage indicating the appropriate route.**
- Completed a new restroom building in Barnum Park East
- Shifted westbound US 6 traffic to the north onto the new collector-distributor road

### Upcoming work

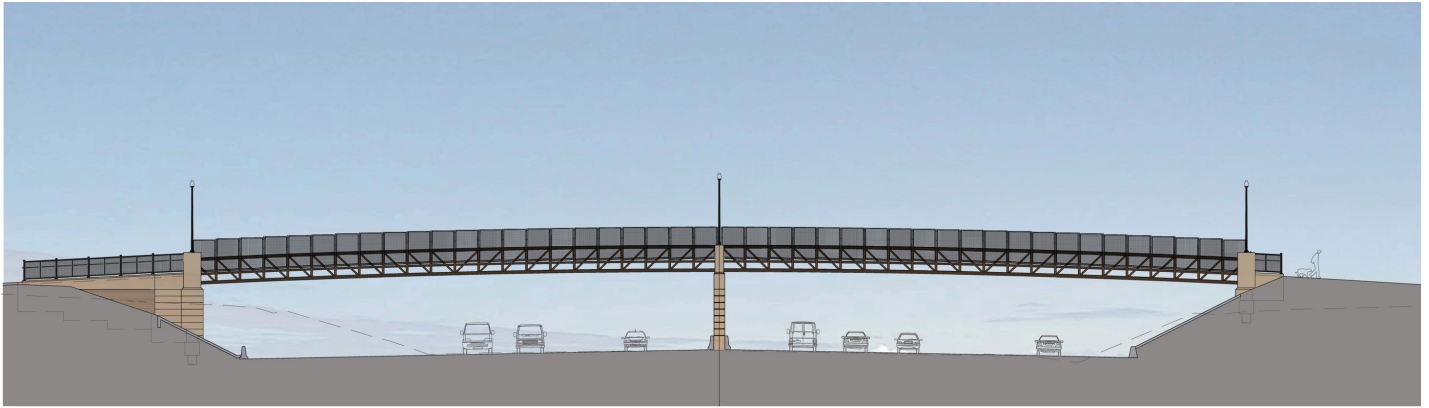
- Construction of the last remaining highway bridge – the “Braided Ramp Bridge” just east of Federal, which will take traffic from Federal to eastbound US 6 and the I-25 interchange
- Constructing the new pedestrian bridge connecting Barnum North and South parks
  - **See details below for traffic impacts.**
- Shifting eastbound US 6 traffic to the north to clear room on the south half of the highway for additional construction
- Opening the new northbound I-25 off-ramp bridge to the US 6 interchange
  - **Significance: When the new bridge opens in June, this will mean completion of a through lane from the Santa Fe Drive on-ramp to northbound I-25 all the way to the off-ramps to US 6. More details below.**

## Pedestrian bridge brings overnight closure of US 6

On Saturday, May 30, will construct a new pedestrian bridge over US 6 that will connect Barnum North and South parks. The bridge will cross over US 6 between Federal Boulevard and Knox Court.

To complete this work, they will close US 6 between Federal Boulevard and Sheridan Boulevard beginning at 10 p.m. Saturday and reopen it by 5 a.m. Sunday. Westbound US 6 will close at Federal Boulevard and eastbound US 6 will close at Sheridan Boulevard.

With additional work needed after the pedestrian bridge is in place, the bridge is currently scheduled to open to the public in July. This schedule is weather dependent. When it opens this summer, this bridge will provide the community a new and lasting connection between these parks.



*Rendering of pedestrian bridge looking east*

**Detour Routes:**

- **Westbound US 6** traffic will exit at Federal Boulevard, then go south to Alameda Avenue or north to Colfax Avenue, then go west to Sheridan Boulevard and use the Sheridan Boulevard on-ramp to westbound US 6.
- **Eastbound US 6** traffic will exit at Sheridan Boulevard, then go south to Alameda Avenue or north to Colfax Avenue, then go east to Federal Boulevard and use the Federal Boulevard on-ramp to eastbound US 6.
- **Regional traffic** should consider alternate routes around the closure, including I-70, US 285 and C-470.



*Pedestrian bridge was delivered Wednesday, May 27, and will be set in one 9-hour shift*

## **Weekend closure of northbound I-25 ramps to US 6 coming June 12-14**

Beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday, June 12, crews will close the northbound I-25 off-ramp to the US 6 interchange to allow completion of a new bridge that spans the railroad tracks. The ramps will remain closed all weekend and will reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, June 15.

“These efforts will allow us to enjoy the fruits of the I-25 Gap Lane Project from last August,” said Kevin Sullivan, CDOT Project Director. “Once this bridge opens Monday morning, drivers entering northbound I-25 from the Santa Fe Drive/Cedar Avenue on-ramp will no longer be forced to merge left, meaning the lane will be continuous all the way to the US 6 interchange. This should improve the flow of traffic on northbound I-25 through the area.”

Last August, CDOT added a fourth through lane of traffic on northbound I-25 between Santa Fe Drive and the US 6 interchange as part of the Gap Lane Project. Since then, however, drivers have only experienced part of the benefits of that project while crews have worked to complete the new off-ramps to US 6. When this northbound off-ramp bridge opens, drivers will experience the benefits of having four continuous, uninterrupted lanes of traffic on northbound I-25.

**Detour Routes:**

- **Northbound I-25 to westbound US 6:** Drivers should take 8th Avenue west to Federal Boulevard, then use the Federal Boulevard on-ramp to westbound US 6.
- **Northbound I-25 to eastbound US 6:** Drivers should exit at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and go east to Kalamath Street, then south on Kalamath to access eastbound 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## Note from the Project Director

*We are so excited about two major accomplishments coming up in the next couple of weeks. First, the new pedestrian bridge will be a great benefit to this community and is a key component to our overhaul improvements to the Barnum Park system.*

*With the opening of the new northbound I-25 off-ramp bridge to the US 6 interchange in June, we are thrilled to be able to deliver the final traffic alignment associated with the I-25 Gap Lane Project in June. This has been a problematic bottleneck area on I-25 for quite some time and we're hoping this improvement will make things run more smoothly through the area.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kevin Sullivan  
Project Director, US 6 Bridges Design Build Project  
Colorado Department of Transportation*

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### Explore commuting options

If you find it too stressful to drive through the US 6 corridor while it is under construction, you might want to explore alternative modes of transportation. This could include using the Regional Transportation District's West Rail Line or bus services. [Click here](#) for information on RTD's light rail service. For information on bus fares and schedules, [click here](#).

Exploring carpool or vanpool services is another option you might want to pursue. [Click here](#) to access an online trip planner where you can input your starting location and destination address into a database to check out existing carpool or vanpool services in your area.

If biking or walking are more your speed for short trips, [click here](#) for tips on getting to your destination by foot or bicycle.

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