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Expect I-76 lane and road closures August through November

Motorists can expect detours and delays

WELD COUNTY - Construction crews will be working on the Colorado Highway 52 bridge over I-76 near Hudson. From August through November, I-76 motorists can expect speed reductions and lane closures as demolition work, girder settings and deck pours occur on the structure over I-76. As work progresses, the I-76 lane closures will shift and there will be a period where I-76 will be closed to travel and a detour in place.

Detours will be placed at the ramps at CO 52 near Hudson. Cones, flaggers and temporary signs will be in place to direct motorists. Plan on extra travel time and delays.

Once completed, this project will help move cars through the area efficiently and improve safety and access to CO 52 by installing a roundabout at the Love's and westbound ramps intersections, a traffic signal at the eastbound off ramp, and the addition of a sidewalk along the north side of CO 52 to increase pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.

Work began June 1 and will be completed by Fall of 2021. Castle Rock Construction of Colorado, LLC is the prime contractor for this project.

TRAVEL IMPACTS:

- Daytime work hours range from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- I-76 will at times be reduced to one lane in each direction and periodically closed for ramp relocation and bridge construction.
- Traffic will be maintained in two lane configurations on CO 52 to keep access to local business.
- Added traffic control devices may be added at Love's Travel Stop and at the off and on ramps (such as all
 direction stop signs or temporary signals) to aid in traffic movement.

PROJECT & TRAVEL INFO

For additional information about this project, contact the project team.

- Project Hotline: 970.702.7000
- Project email: co52hudsonroundabout@gmail.com
- Project web page: https://www.codot.gov/projects/co52-roundabout-hudson

Travelers are urged to "know before you go." Gather information about weather forecasts and anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

- Road conditions and travel information: www.COtrip.org
- Sign up for project or travel alerts: bit.ly/COalerts
- See scheduled lane closures: codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html
- Connect with us on social media: Twitter <u>@coloradodot</u> and Facebook <u>facebook.com/coloradodot</u>

REMEMBER: SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones.

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.

- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Be patient!

COVID-19

Safe transportation infrastructure is essential for emergency first responders and freight drivers as Colorado navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, construction continues on CDOT projects with social distancing and other health safety measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on the worksite. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment announced <u>guidelines for construction activities</u>. The public is urged to join the campaign for #DoingMyPartCO and practice social distancing, wear face masks, stay at home when possible, and avoid nonessential travel. With fewer vehicles on the roads, CDOT crews will be able to work more efficiently and safely.

WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY.

In early 2019, CDOT announced its <u>Whole System – Whole Safety</u> initiative to heighten safety awareness. This initiative takes a systematic, statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone home safely.

ABOUT CDOT

CDOT has approximately 3,000 employees located throughout Colorado and manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also administers Bustang, the state-owned and operated inter-regional express service. Governor Jared Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's multimodal mobility options.