



Project at a Glance

Project Scope

The I-25/Cimarron Interchange Design-Build Project involves rebuilding the I-25 interchange between Colorado Avenue on the north and South Nevada Avenue on the south, 8th Street on the west and the Cimarron Street bridge over Fountain Creek on the east. The project will improve operations, correct existing safety and design deficiencies, and serve the anticipated short- and long-term travel demands in this area.

When complete, the interchange will handle more vehicles with enhanced multi-modal travel for those using I-25, Cimarron Street and the trail system.

The project will provide:

- Improved interstate and interchange operations and safety
- Improved highway alignment, ramps, acceleration/deceleration lanes
- New I-25 and US 24 bridge structures
- Improved trail connectivity and aesthetic treatment
- New connection between 8th Street and Cimarron Street

Project Goals

1. Maximize overall safety, capacity and operation of the interchange and the surrounding transportation network within the Project budget.
2. Complete project construction to be fully operational by fall 2017.
3. Minimize impacts and inconvenience to the community, motorists, businesses, downtown and the public during construction.
4. Achieve an aesthetically-pleasing design compatible with current and future amenities and enhancements in and around the interchange.

Project Partners

The \$113 million project is funded by multiple federal (Federal Highway Administration), state (CDOT), RAMP (Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships), and local sources, including local match funding from the project partners of the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County. Kraemer North America, LLC. is delivering the project with the assistance of their lead design consultant, Tsiouvaras Simmons Holderness (TSH).

Project Timeline

Trail, stream and other offline work will begin summer 2015 with roadway construction scheduled to begin spring 2016. Substantial completion is planned by fall 2017.

Project Benefits

This project will aim to improve safety, improve vehicle capacity, provide six lanes on I-25, improve interchange traffic flow and improve trail connectivity.



The Design-Build Team

The I-25/Cimarron Interchange Design-Build Project is being designed and constructed by a single, unified team comprised of the construction contractor, Kraemer North America, LLC., and the designer, Tsiouvaras Simmons and Holderness (TSH). These companies bring a true understanding of the community, having worked on a recent major project in the area.

Kraemer North America, LLC.

Kraemer North America, LLC., formerly Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc., was established in 1911 with roots founded in the construction of bridges and highways. Since then the firm, which has a regional office in Castle Rock, has grown into a full service heavy civil and industrial contractor.

Along with rebuilding the Speer Boulevard bridge over the Platte River and Water Street for the City and County of Denver, Kraemer built the first phase of improvements in the Academy Boulevard and Woodmen Road intersection in Colorado Springs to convert the at-grade intersection into a grade separated interchange by lowering Academy Boulevard approximately 12 feet. This project received the 2012 Engineering Excellence Award from the American Council of Engineers in Colorado and was recognized as the Best Civil Works Project in the mountain states by Engineering News Record magazine. Currently, Kraemer is in the process of completing the final months of the US 6 Bridges Design-Build Project in Denver – a \$98 million project replacing six bridges and reconstructing much of the US 6/I-25 interchange in Denver.



Tsiouvaras Simmons Holderness (TSH)

TSH is a Colorado-based firm founded in 2005 to serve the Colorado Transportation Industry. TSH currently has 70 employees who work exclusively in Colorado on transportation projects providing bridge, highway, traffic and hydraulic design along with construction management services. Over the past 10 years, TSH has earned a reputation as a leader in the industry resulting from the successful completion of many complex projects. Their approach is to provide responsive, innovative, and high-quality services coupled with a commitment from our firm leadership and associates to produce projects that meet a high standard and that will serve the best interest of the public. Their clients include the Colorado Department of Transportation, local cities, counties, municipal districts, transit agencies and airports.

