



I-25 South Gap Project Monument–Castle Rock

This project encompasses an 18-mile stretch of Interstate 25 from south of Castle Rock to Monument, called “The Gap.” It is the only four-lane section of I-25 connecting Colorado’s two largest cities, Denver and Colorado Springs. Over the years, population growth has driven an increase in congestion, crashes and delays in this corridor. Following more than a year of study, improvements are now underway.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) – along with El Paso and Douglas counties, the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, Colorado Bridge Enterprise and a federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant – are investing \$419 million in this project.



IN ADDITION TO BUILDING ONE EXPRESS LANE IN EACH DIRECTION, THE PROJECT WILL DELIVER:

Safety: Wider inside and outside shoulders for vehicle pull-off, emergency response and improved drainage.

Driver choice: With the addition of an Express Lane in each direction, drivers can choose to use the Express Lane for a reliable trip time in exchange for a toll or use one of the two free general-purpose lanes. Carpoolers with three or more people may use the Express Lane for free.

Wildlife safety: Four new wildlife crossings and 28 miles of deer fence to support safer wildlife movements and reduce collisions with motorists.

Improved pavement: New overlay of pavement will provide a smoother trip.

Improved infrastructure: Repair or replacement of five aging bridges and extension of ramps.

Improved truck access and safety: Adding a truck climbing lane from the Greenland interchange south. Building a southbound I-25 truck chain up station in Larkspur.

Advanced technology: Modernization of communications and power along the corridor to enable advanced technology and improve information sharing.



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MOVING FORWARD



TIMELINE

Work began in September 2018 on the northern end of the project near Castle Rock. Construction is scheduled for completion in November 2022.

DRIVER IMPACTS

Construction, by nature, will always impact those who use the road. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction during daytime hours.

Still, drivers should expect slower speed limits in the construction zone (a maximum of 60 mph) on I-25, narrower lanes, overnight lane closures, increased traffic volume, slowing and construction trucks entering and exiting the interstate throughout the corridor.

Construction crews will be working around-the-clock and sometimes on weekends to deliver these improvements on time and on budget while minimizing traffic impacts. Please email i25gap@codot.us to sign up for updates to help manage your trip.

EXPRESS LANES

This project will add one Express Lane in each direction alongside the existing general-purpose lanes on I-25 between Monument and Castle Rock.

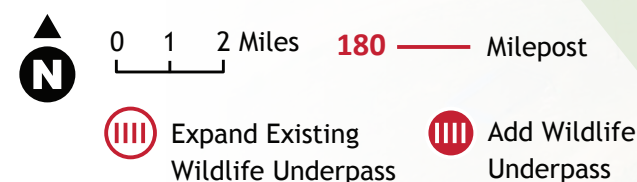
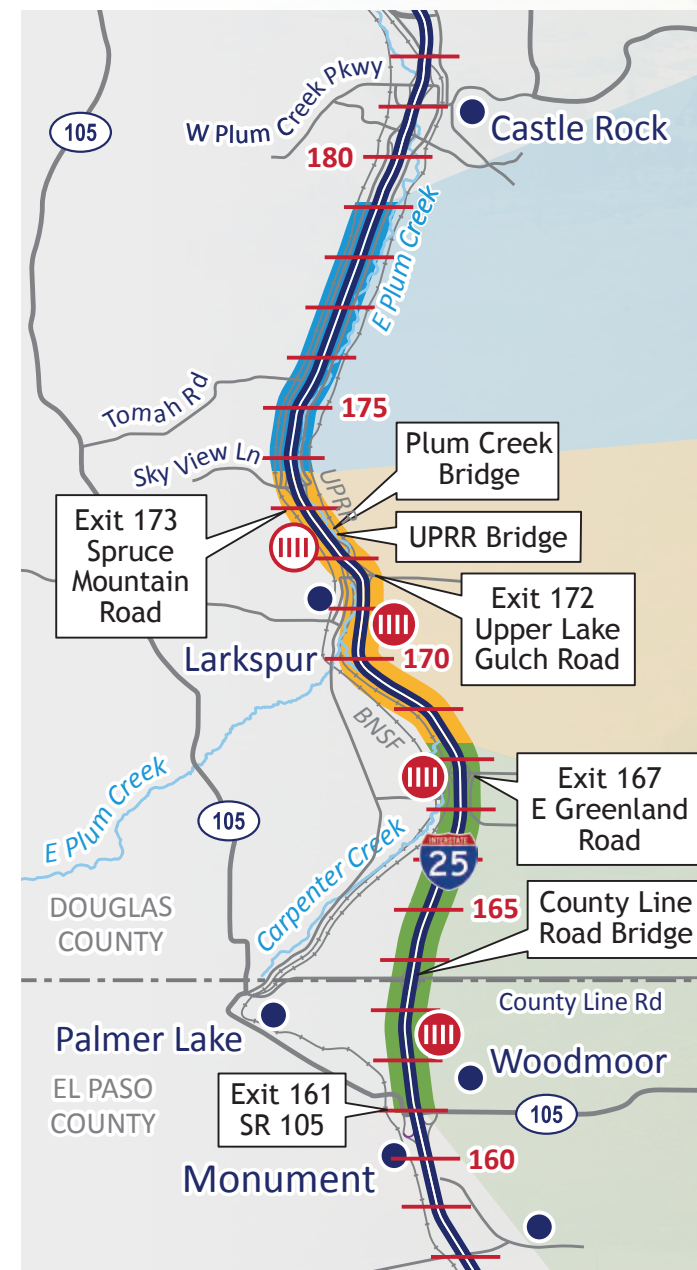
Express Lanes have proven to be successful in reducing travel times on other Colorado highways by adding a lane that provides new travel choices to drivers. Motorists can choose to ride the bus, carpool or pay a toll to use the new Express Lanes for a shorter, reliable trip time or drive the free general-purpose lanes.

When drivers choose to use the Express Lanes, space frees up in the general-purpose lanes and improves speeds for the general-purpose lanes too. The result is a corridor that moves people and vehicles more efficiently.

PROJECT DELIVERY

To expedite construction, the 18-mile project was divided into three sections. Dividing the project into three sections allowed construction to progress at a record pace. From initial study in 2017 to groundbreaking in September 2018, this is the fastest delivery of a project of this size in CDOT history.

The north section, between Plum Creek Parkway and Sky View Lane (Tomah Road), was completed in 2020. The Express Lane in this section will be operational with the completion of the entire project in 2022, but construction in this area is substantially complete. The other two sections are slated for completion in 2022.



NORTH SECTION

Sky View Lane North: This section is complete. The new lane will operate as a wider shoulder for emergency response during construction until the entire project is complete and the new Express Lane can open in 2022.

MIDDLE SECTION

Greenland Road to Sky View Lane: This is the most complex work section and includes bridge replacements at Upper Lake Gulch Road, Spruce Mountain Road and Plum Creek, a truck chain-up station on southbound I-25 in Larkspur and one wildlife crossing.

SOUTH SECTION

Greenland Road South: This section includes raising I-25 to accommodate the wildlife undercrossing north of Greenland Road, replacement of the single-lane box culvert at Greenland Road with a two-lane underpass, a southbound I-25 climbing lane from south of Greenland Road over Monument Hill and flattening the vertical curves approaching Greenland Road.

County Line Road Bridge: Reconstruction of this aging bridge was added to the project in 2019. The bridge will be doubled in size, with one through-lane in each direction, one left-turn lane in each direction and shoulders on each side of the bridge.