



# I-25 South Gap Project Monument–Castle Rock

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# MOVING FORWARD





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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 and a federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant - are investing \$350 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 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 four aging bridges and extension of ramps.

**Improved truck access:** Adding a truck climbing lane from the Greenland interchange south.

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

## TIMELINE

Work began in September 2018 on the northern end of the project near Castle Rock. Now, the entire 18-mile corridor is under construction. Construction is scheduled for completion in 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 (a maximum of 65 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](mailto: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



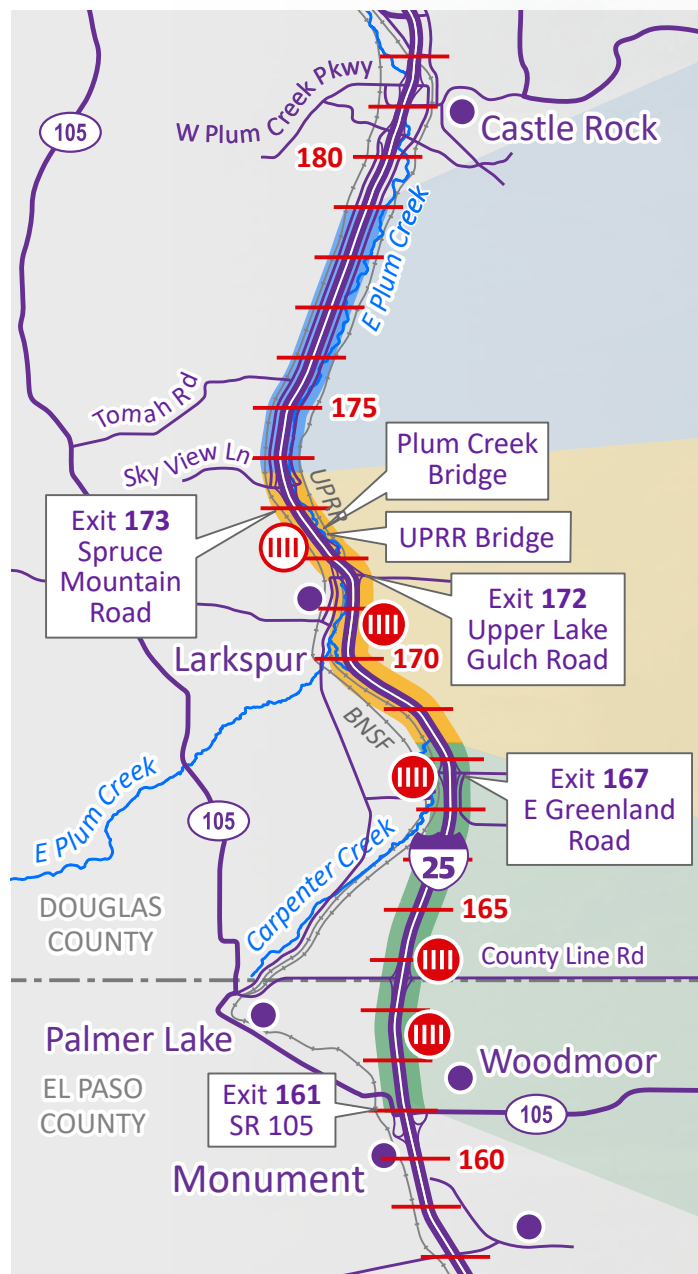
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This 18-mile construction project is divided into three construction sections. The north section is between Plum Creek Parkway and Sky View Lane (Tomah Road). The middle section is between Sky View Lane and Greenland Road. The south section is between Greenland Road and Monument.

Dividing the project into three sections allows construction to begin on

one area while finalizing design on another, allowing the entire project to begin much earlier than anticipated. In fact, from initial study to groundbreaking, this will be the fastest delivery of a project this size in CDOT history.

Construction crews began work in September 2018 on the north section. Now, construction is underway throughout the 18-mile corridor.



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NORTH SECTION

**Sky View Lane North** - The first phase of this section includes work in the existing median, such as grading, paving and installation of permanent center barriers. The second phase will shift traffic to the newly constructed center of the roadway so paving can occur on the outside sections. The third phase will shift traffic back to the outside to complete final paving and striping.

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, along with 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, and flattening the vertical curves approaching Greenland Road.



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180 — Milepost

Expand Existing Wildlife Underpass

Add Wildlife Underpass