



I-25: The New Pueblo Freeway

Ilex Street to City Center Drive

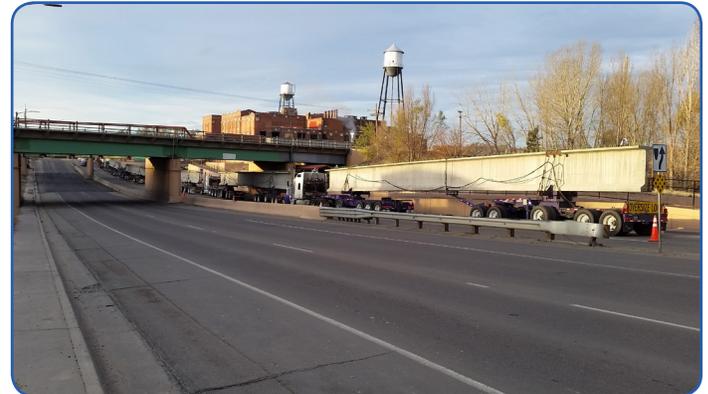
I-25 ILEX STREET TO CITY CENTER DRIVE

Nearly nine months into the I-25 Ilex Street to City Center Drive project in Pueblo and the project is progressing smoothly with minimal impact to travelers in the area. Crews are currently working to widen bridges on I-25 over City Center Drive and Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C), both of which are nearing completion. The widening of these highly travelled bridges will result in much safer roadways through Pueblo. There has also been a new bridge added to the project scope, located on I-25 over Phelps Creek Trail, which is in the design stage.

PROJECT PROGRESS

Crews have made the following progress on the project:

- The bridge-widening deck pours on I-25 over City Center Drive and on I-25 over Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C) have been completed.
- An estimated 115,000 cubic yards of roadway embankment has been placed, which is equivalent to 3,285 truckloads of dirt.
- Crews have placed 400 cubic yards of concrete as part of the widening of bridges over City Center Drive and Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C).
- Retaining walls have been installed along the future D Street.
- Bridge widening on I-25 over both City Center Drive and Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C) is nearing completion.
- Mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall panels have been installed along the future D Street east of Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C), as part of the new bridge construction. There are over 120,000 square feet of MSE walls planned throughout the project.
- The images of the baseball player have been successfully installed on the D Street wall panels.
- Crews have relocated utilities from Ilex Street to the future D Street.
- Crews have installed a new storm drain on Kelly Avenue.



Trucks bring in a girder for the D Street bridge, March 2016.

- Crews have installed the waterline on Gruma Drive.
- Small structure removals and slope work have been completed on northbound and southbound S. Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C) between Rush and Locust Streets.
- Girders have been erected for the D Street Bridge.

UPCOMING WORK

Crews will wrap up work on bridge widening and rehabilitation on northbound I-25 over Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C) and City Center Drive. The construction crew will also be widening the I-25 bridge over Indiana Avenue later this year. New bridge construction on the freeway over Gruma Drive, Union Pacific Railroad and D Street will kick off later in the construction season as well, all of which will result in safer bridges for the traveling public.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began work on the I-25 Ilex Street to City Center Drive project in July. The first segment to be constructed as part of the New Pueblo Freeway consists of replacing bridges on I-25 between Ilex Street and City Center Drive. Work includes rehabilitation of bridges on northbound I-25 over Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C), I-25 over Indiana Avenue, on Santa Fe

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Avenue (US 50C) over the Arkansas River, and on Northern Avenue and Mesa Avenue over I-25. The project was designed with respect for the traditions and trends of the Pueblo community, and one section of the recently installed D Street wall panels displays the image of a baseball player, paying homage to Pueblo's beloved pastime.

Flatiron Constructors of Broomfield, Colorado is the contractor for this \$69 million project, which is expected to be completed in late 2017.

SCHEDULE AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Normal working hours are from Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be some nighttime and weekend work as needed.

The speed limit will be reduced in the construction zone for both the safety of the traveling public as well as construction crews working along the highway. Please use caution and stay alert while traveling through the construction zone.

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