

From the ground up

The buildup of the dirt roadway embankments for the new section of Interstate 25 between City Center Drive and the Runyon Field area is in its early stages.

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Dirt work well underway at I-25-Ilex construction site

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Construction crews continue to set the table for the new section of Interstate 25 between City Center Drive and the Runyon Field area.

And it's a big, long table. When finished, the state Department of Transportation estimates 952,000 tons of dirt — equal to 1,200 full railroad cars — will have been hauled in by truck to build the roadway embankment that will serve as the base for the new section of interstate.

The new embankment — a series of long, wide earthen columns — will be built up 30 feet or higher along much of the nearly half-mile stretch between City Center Drive and the Runyon Field area.

The new roadway will go on top, interrupted only by a series of four bridges over the area's roads and railroad tracks.

Gone will be the aged, industrial-looking series of viaducts, embankments and bridges that motorists now use.

Once the dirt and new roadway is in place, the new section of interstate will rise about 30 to 40 feet off the surrounding ground, or about 10 to 15 feet higher in elevation than the current section of freeway, state Department of Transportation officials say.

The dirt work — still in the early stages — is one of many parts of the I-25-Ilex interchange and roadway replacement project now underway or nearly completed. The project began in July 2015 and is set for



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Decorative retaining walls border the new D Street that will connect Santa Fe Avenue with the Runyon Field area. The new D Street will replace Ilex Street, which will be closed to make room for the area's new I-25 interchange.

The project began in July 2015 and is set for completion by fall 2017.



Even before painting, the image of a ballplayer sliding into base stands out in the new sculptured retaining walls.

completion by fall 2017. Elsewhere in the project area:

Crews are nearing completion on the widening of the bridges over City Center Drive and Santa Fe Avenue.

The decorative retaining walls along the future D

Street are in place.

Local utilities continue to relocate or replace their infrastructure in the project area. The job of relocating all of the utilities from Ilex Street to the future D Street is complete.

PLAYING BALL

Interstate 25 motorists are getting their first glimpse of the star attraction at the new roadway entrance planned for the Runyon Field area.

Ahead of the construction of the new D Street, which will serve as the main road into the ballpark area, crews recently erected the first set of large decorative concrete retaining walls that feature a sculpted image of a ballplayer sliding into a base.

When painted, the "ballplayer" will be a sandy color that will pop out against a sky blue-colored background, according to the design plans. The image — titled "SAFE!" — is repeated on both sides of the new roadway.

The image was the top choice at public meetings held as part of the planning for the I-25-Ilex replacement project. Two other images considered were a baseball team in a dugout or a baseball lying on the grass.

"CDOT's thoughts were this will be a gateway for Runyon Field and if we can do something to promote that, that's what we wanted to do," said Scott Dalton, I-25-Ilex project manager for the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Julie Gameca, a landscape architect with THK Associates, said in a statement that the image offered a "strong sense of movement and relayed the excitement of both playing and watching the game."

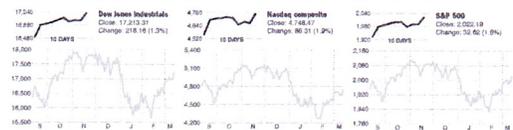
"The panel also has very strong tactile design because it will be at a pedestrian level. The design team wanted to encourage interaction between the users of Runyon Field and the panel," she said.

The new roadway into the ballpark area will include sidewalks. The new road will replace the current Ilex Street entryway, which will be removed to make room for the area's new I-25 interchange, also now under construction.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Stocks resume rally Stimulus moves, oil prices in focus

BY BERNARD CONDON THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A jump in crude oil and a rise in European markets set off a rally in U.S. stocks to cap a four-week winning streak for major indexes.

On Friday, the S&P 500 gained 32.62 points, or 1.6 percent, to 2,022.19. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 218.8 points, or 1.4 percent, to 17,213.31. The Nasdaq composite closed 1,748.47, a 1.18 percent gain.

of trading. Drillers, refiners and other energy companies rose sharply as the price for U.S. crude hit a high for the year.

Just a month ago, investors were dumping shares amid talk of a possible U.S. recession. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell to almost a two-year low.

"While things aren't great, they're not the disaster we thought," said Bill Strazzullo, chief market strategist at Bell Curve Trading. "We've rallied after a horrendous start to the year."

U.S. crude gained after the International Energy Agency said signs that the market has "bottomed out" have emerged. U.S. crude has risen 47 percent from a 13-year low of \$26.25 a month ago.

Chief Equity Strategist Phil Orlando of Federated Investors said the "terrific four-week run" makes him a "little nervous." Among his concerns are a steeper China slowdown, a U.S. dollar strengthening even more and hurting U.S. exports, no relief from the corporate profits drop over the last year and more surprises in the presidential election.

Xavier Smith, manager of the Centre Global Select Equity Fund, said he doesn't buy the oil rally. "Oil is a proxy for the overall economy, and it's not going on four cylinders anywhere," Smith said.

Stocks Recap

NYSE	NASDAQ	DOW	17200.09	17014.80	17213.31	+218.16	+1.26%	▲	▲	▲	-1.22%
S&P 500	2022.19	DOW JONES	7995.95	7542.94	7693.09	+173.00	+2.30%	▲	▲	▲	+2.40%
NASDAQ	1748.47	NASDAQ	860.63	846.30	847.14	+11.18	+1.28%	▲	▲	▲	+12.00%
Vol. (bil. ml)	3.984	NYSE Comp.	10950.01	9888.29	10104.94	+116.12	+1.19%	▲	▲	▲	+2.90%
Pct. Volume	4.255	NASDAQ Comp.	4748.79	4700.91	4748.47	+88.31	+1.85%	▲	▲	▲	-5.17%
Advanced	2683	S&P 500	2022.37	2001.58	2022.19	+32.62	+1.64%	▲	▲	▲	-1.09%
Canceled	526	S&P 400	1467.92	1388.45	1407.13	+85.93	+6.19%	▲	▲	▲	+1.85%
New Highs	96	Wilshire 5000	2095.60	2043.40	2092.97	+35.57	+1.71%	▲	▲	▲	-1.72%
New Lows	7	Russell 2000	1187.87	1166.10	1167.58	+23.50	+2.02%	▲	▲	▲	-4.28%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	▲/▼	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD	1YR	VOL	PRE	DIV.
AT&T Inc	T	30.97	▲	38.42	0.38	+1.0%	▲	▲	▲	+11.5	-22.6	29007	17	1.92
Alcoa Inc A	AA	6.14	▲	14.89	0.32	+2.2%	▲	▲	▲	-3.5	-28.1	22315	16	0.12
Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	529.00	▲	810.35	74.87	+9.2%	▲	▲	▲	-4.3	-30.8	1709	30	...
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	365.65	▲	606.44	89.63	+14.8%	▲	▲	▲	-1.3	-2.1	4921	12	...
Amer Elec Power	EEP	52.29	▲	64.83	0.23	+0.4%	▲	▲	▲	+10.2	-20.0	2077	20	2.24
Appia Inc	APPI	82.00	▲	134.54	102.26	+75.3%	▲	▲	▲	-2.9	-17.1	20555	11	2.08
Bank of America	BAC	17.90	▲	16.45	0.37	+2.3%	▲	▲	▲	-1.1	-14.7	14899	10	0.30
Bank Stocks Corp	BSK	36.81	▲	59.09	58.31	+1.3%	▲	▲	▲	+25.6	+24.9	319	39	1.88
Buffalo Wild Wings	BWLD	134.85	▲	205.63	180.88	+81.0%	▲	▲	▲	-0.8	-14.3	398	32	...
Caterpillar Inc	CAT	68.85	▲	98.52	72.80	+73.8%	▲	▲	▲	-7.1	-5.9	4749	14	3.08
CenturyLink Inc	CTL	91.85	▲	37.00	3.87	+10.5%	▲	▲	▲	+8.7	3.8	4106	20	2.16
Chesapeake Energy	CHK	1.50	▲	16.96	4.70	+27.8%	▲	▲	▲	-4.4	-6.1	39810	0	...
Chewon Corp	CHX	69.58	▲	112.20	94.58	+84.7%	▲	▲	▲	-5.1	-4.8	13958	39	4.28
Cisco Syst	CSCO	29.45	▲	29.67	27.86	+11.8%	▲	▲	▲	-1.4	-1.5	21487	14	1.94
Clif Group	CLF	34.52	▲	60.95	42.99	+81.3%	▲	▲	▲	-16.9	-18.9	20730	10	0.20
Coca-Cola Co	KO	39.56	▲	45.06	45.20	+1.0%	▲	▲	▲	-5.2	-14.4	15901	26	1.40
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	60.00	▲	64.59	59.25	+9.2%	▲	▲	▲	-1.1	-1.1	6953	18	1.09
ConocoPhillips	COP	31.05	▲	69.72	60.52	+14.9%	▲	▲	▲	-13.2	-11.8	13568	0	1.00
Convergys Corp	CVG	20.57	▲	26.79	24.49	+9.8%	▲	▲	▲	+6.4	-31.9	395	20	0.32
Dish Network Corp	DISH	58.36	▲	75.49	48.44	+61.1%	▲	▲	▲	-10.4	-33.8	1001	31	...
Disney	DIS	89.25	▲	122.08	97.84	+20.0%	▲	▲	▲	-8.8	-4.5	5532	16	1.42
Express Scripts	ESRX	65.55	▲	94.61	70.28	+33.3%	▲	▲	▲	-19.6	-16.0	4478	20	...
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	68.85	▲	80.81	82.19	+1.7%	▲	▲	▲	+5.4	-11.0	14430	21	3.32
Ford Motor	F	17.44	▲	16.74	13.29	+11.1%	▲	▲	▲	-5.7	-10.9	2704	8	0.84
Freightliner	FXM	3.52	▲	23.97	9.55	+0.5%	▲	▲	▲	+11.1	-7.7	4048	0	...
Gen Electric	GE	19.27	▲	31.49	30.34	+3.3%	▲	▲	▲	-2.6	-9.2	6134	66	0.82
General Motors Co	GM	24.45	▲	38.59	31.28	+41.1%	▲	▲	▲	-1.0	-1.0	13117	1	1.52
HP Inc	HPQ	8.91	▲	16.15	11.70	+28.2%	▲	▲	▲	-1.2	-18.9	12735	11	0.50
Home Depot	HD	92.17	▲	135.47	128.46	+5.5%	▲	▲	▲	-2.9	-14.0	4697	24	2.78
Ingersoll Rand	IR	47.88	▲	70.59	58.73	+13.8%	▲	▲	▲	-1.1	-1.1	1986	23	2.82
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	81.79	▲	107.48	107.21	+0.2%	▲	▲	▲	+4.9	+10.7	7592	18	3.00
KIMCO Chemicals Inc	KMG	18.45	▲	31.50	23.86	+13.7%	▲	▲	▲	+3.6	+1.9	48	18	0.12
Kubota Corp	KUB	68.85	▲	79.80	69.28	+14.4%	▲	▲	▲	-0.6	-0.6	2020	12	2.09
Kroger Co	KR	27.32	▲	42.75	38.64	+9.1%	▲	▲	▲	-7.9	-3.1	8718	15	0.45
Lowes Cos	LOW	65.82	▲	78.13	72.12	+8.3%	▲	▲	▲	-5.2	-1.8	3875	22	1.12
McDonald's Corp	MCD	87.50	▲	124.63	121.95	+2.2%	▲	▲	▲	-2.9	-2.2	6096	24	3.59
Meta Inc	FB	30.00	▲	58.03	44.25	+32.0%	▲	▲	▲	-2.2	-1.4	7487	11	0.50
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	39.72	▲	58.85	53.07	+10.2%	▲	▲	▲	-4.3	-2.7	31886	34	1.44
Pepper JC Co Inc	JCP	6.00	▲	11.98	11.22	+6.7%	▲	▲	▲	+8.5	-5.7	14057	0	...
PepsiCo	PEP	74.48	▲	103.64	101.31	+2.3%	▲	▲	▲	-1.4	-1.7	5285	28	2.80
Pfizer Inc	PFE	28.25	▲	38.46	30.50	+9.1%	▲	▲	▲	-5.5	-8.0	59825	18	1.20
Pioneer Natural	PNK	103.50	▲	181.97	137.04	+35.8%	▲	▲	▲	+9.3	-14.7	3476	65	0.08
Procter & Gamble	PG	57.15	▲	92.50	73.65	+25.9%	▲	▲	▲	-6.7	-6.5	2993	7	2.80
Seers Holdings Corp	SHLD	14.56	▲	46.23	16.78	+0.4%	▲	▲	▲	-18.5	-54.3	501	0	...
Sirius XM Holdings Inc	SIRX	3.29	▲	4.20	3.91	+0.8%	▲	▲	▲	-3.9	-0.5	52868	39	...
Southern Co	SO	41.42	▲	50.24	48.78	+3.2%	▲	▲	▲	-4.4	-4.5	4882	18	2.17
SunEdison Inc	SUNE	1.21	▲	33.45	1.82	+12.7%	▲	▲	▲	-6.3	-9.9	34791	0	...
Target Corp	TGT	66.46	▲	85.81	81.87	+4.7%	▲	▲	▲	+12.8	+7.8	4074	15	2.24
US Bancorp	USB	37.07	▲	46.29	40.46	+9.6%	▲	▲	▲	-5.2	-7.3	7727	13	1.02
United Therapeutics	UTP	63.36	▲	122.19	96.75	+27.0%	▲	▲	▲	+0.7	-1.9	2910	13	1.66
Verizon Comm	VZ	38.06	▲	52.98	52.53	+0.8%	▲	▲	▲	+13.7	+14.8	15035	12	2.26
Wal-Mart Stores	WMT	59.30	▲	83.90	87.17	+3.4%	▲	▲	▲	+8.6	+14.9	8735	15	2.00
Wells Fargo & Co	WFC	44.90	▲	59.77	60.27	+0.8%	▲	▲	▲	-7.9	-1.2	18112	12	1.50
Whiting Petroleum	WLL	3.35	▲	41.57	8.45	+4.2%	▲	▲	▲	-10.5	-7.4	40103	0	...
Xcel Energy Inc	XEL	31.79	▲	40.94	40.38	+1.4%	▲	▲	▲	+12.4	+23.0	3153	21	1.98
Yum! Brands Inc	YUM	54.58	▲	85.50	77.77	+10.1%	▲	▲	▲	-4.5	-1.8	1807	24	2.84
Zions Bancorp	ZION	19.65	▲	33.03	24.83	+9.3%	▲	▲	▲	-8.7	-8.7	2187	0	0.24

Dividend Payout: 1. Extra dividends were paid. 2. Annual high/low. 3. 52-week range. 4. 52-week range. 5. Current annual dividend or dividend yield. 6. Declared or paid for the year. 7. Cumulative change in dividend or dividend yield. 8. Current annual dividend yield. 9. Dividend yield. 10. Dividend yield. 11. Dividend yield. 12. Dividend yield. 13. Dividend yield. 14. Dividend yield. 15. Dividend yield. 16. Dividend yield. 17. Dividend yield. 18. Dividend yield. 19. Dividend yield. 20. Dividend yield. 21. Dividend yield. 22. Dividend yield. 23. Dividend yield. 24. Dividend yield. 25. Dividend yield. 26. Dividend yield. 27. Dividend yield. 28. Dividend yield. 29. Dividend yield. 30. Dividend yield. 31. Dividend yield. 32. Dividend yield. 33. Dividend yield. 34. Dividend yield. 35. Dividend yield. 36. Dividend yield. 37. Dividend yield. 38. Dividend yield. 39. Dividend yield. 40. Dividend yield. 41. Dividend yield. 42. Dividend yield. 43. Dividend yield. 44. Dividend yield. 45. Dividend yield. 46. Dividend yield. 47. Dividend yield. 48. Dividend yield. 49. Dividend yield. 50. Dividend yield. 51. Dividend yield. 52. Dividend yield. 53. Dividend yield. 54. Dividend yield. 55. Dividend yield. 56. Dividend yield. 57. Dividend yield. 58. Dividend yield. 59. Dividend yield. 60. Dividend yield. 61. Dividend yield. 62. Dividend yield. 63. Dividend yield. 64. Dividend yield. 65. Dividend yield. 66. Dividend yield. 67. Dividend yield. 68. Dividend yield. 69. Dividend yield. 70. Dividend yield. 71. Dividend yield. 72. Dividend yield. 73. Dividend yield. 74. Dividend yield. 75. Dividend yield. 76. Dividend yield. 77. Dividend yield. 78. Dividend yield. 79. Dividend yield. 80. Dividend yield. 81. Dividend yield. 82. Dividend yield. 83. Dividend yield. 84. Dividend yield. 85. Dividend yield. 86. Dividend yield. 87. Dividend yield. 88. Dividend yield. 89. Dividend yield. 90. Dividend yield. 91. Dividend yield. 92. Dividend yield. 93. Dividend yield. 94. Dividend yield. 95. Dividend yield. 96. Dividend yield. 97. Dividend yield. 98. Dividend yield. 99. Dividend yield. 100. Dividend yield. 101. Dividend yield. 102. Dividend yield. 103. Dividend yield. 104. Dividend yield. 105. Dividend yield. 106. Dividend yield. 107. Dividend yield. 108. Dividend yield. 109. Dividend yield. 110. Dividend yield. 111. Dividend yield. 112. Dividend yield. 113. Dividend yield. 114. Dividend yield. 115. Dividend yield. 116. Dividend yield. 117. Dividend yield. 118. Dividend yield. 119. Dividend yield. 120. Dividend yield. 121. Dividend yield. 122. Dividend yield. 123. Dividend yield. 124. Dividend yield. 125. Dividend yield. 126. Dividend yield. 127. Dividend yield. 128. Dividend yield. 129. Dividend yield. 130. Dividend yield. 131. Dividend yield. 132. Dividend yield. 133. Dividend yield. 134. Dividend yield. 135. Dividend yield. 136. Dividend yield. 137. Dividend yield. 138. Dividend yield. 139. Dividend yield. 140. Dividend yield. 141. Dividend yield. 142. Dividend yield. 143. Dividend yield. 144. Dividend yield. 145. Dividend yield. 146. Dividend yield. 147. Dividend yield. 148. Dividend yield. 149. Dividend yield. 150. Dividend yield. 151. Dividend yield. 152. Dividend yield. 153. Dividend yield. 154. Dividend yield. 155. Dividend yield. 156. Dividend yield. 157. Dividend yield. 158. Dividend yield. 159. Dividend yield. 160. Dividend yield. 161. Dividend yield. 162. Dividend yield. 163. Dividend yield. 164. Dividend yield. 165. Dividend yield. 166. Dividend yield. 167. Dividend yield. 168. Dividend yield. 169. Dividend yield. 170. Dividend yield. 171. Dividend yield. 172. Dividend yield. 173. Dividend yield. 174. Dividend yield. 175. Dividend yield. 176. Dividend yield. 177. Dividend yield. 178. Dividend yield. 179. Dividend yield. 180. Dividend yield. 181. Dividend yield. 182. Dividend yield. 183. Dividend yield. 184. Dividend yield. 185. Dividend yield. 186. Dividend yield. 187. Dividend yield. 188. Dividend yield. 189. Dividend yield. 190. Dividend yield. 191. Dividend yield. 192. Dividend yield. 193. Dividend yield. 194. Dividend yield. 195. Dividend yield. 196. Dividend yield. 197. Dividend yield. 198. Dividend yield. 199. Dividend yield. 200. Dividend yield. 201. Dividend yield. 202. Dividend yield. 203. Dividend yield. 204. Dividend yield. 205. Dividend yield. 206. Dividend yield. 207. Dividend yield. 208. Dividend yield. 209. Dividend yield. 210. Dividend yield. 211. Dividend yield. 212. Dividend yield. 213. Dividend yield. 214. Dividend yield. 215. Dividend yield. 216. Dividend yield. 2