



I-25: The New Pueblo Freeway

Ilex Street to City Center Drive

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began work on the Interstate 25 Ilex Street to City Center Drive (CCD) project in July 2015. The project consists of replacing bridges to improve safety and traffic flow along the Pueblo corridor while maintaining a design that respects the traditions of the Pueblo community. Work includes rehabilitation of bridges on northbound I-25 over Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C), I-25 over Indiana Avenue, on Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C) over the Arkansas River, and on Northern Avenue and Mesa Avenue over I-25.

Structurally deficient bridges on I-25 over Gruma Drive, the Union Pacific Railroad, and Ilex Street will also be removed and replaced.

Local roadway improvements are included at D Street, Ilex Street, Bennett Street cul-de-sac, Clark Street cul-de-sac, Phelps Creek Trail, and along Santa Fe Avenue. Bridges will be widened at City Center Drive, Indiana Avenue, and I-25 over Santa Fe Avenue (widened to the median).



Deck construction on southbound I-25 over Indiana Avenue

PROJECT PROGRESS

Fifteen months into the project, construction is progressing smoothly with minimal impact to travelers in the area. Rehabilitation of the Mesa Avenue Bridge is near completion and crews are preparing to begin work on the truss bridge on Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C) over the Arkansas River.

Indiana Avenue Bridge:

Crews have made the following progress:

- Installed new girders to increase bridge width
- Demolished southbound bridge surface in preparation for pouring of new concrete roadway

Fall work includes pouring a new southbound bridge surface, switching southbound traffic onto the new bridge surface, replacing northbound surface.

Mesa Avenue Bridge:

Crews have made the following progress:

- Removed paint and repainted bridge handrails
- Replaced damaged concrete on bridge roadway and repoured sidewalks
- Repaved roadway with asphalt
- Installed a six-foot pedestrian fence along sidewalk perimeter

D-Street Bridge:

Crews have made the following progress:

- Placed dirt embankment for the new Pueblo Freeway

Gruma/CML Bridges:

New piles have been installed at the Gruma Drive Bridge. Footing and columns have also been installed at the Consolidated Main Line (CML) Bridge, located between Gruma Drive and D-Street. Embankment operations and freeway construction of the new interstate over Gruma Drive and the CML will begin this fall.

UPCOMING WORK

In mid-November, crews will begin work on the green truss bridge on Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C) over the Arkansas River. The entire bridge surface will be removed in order to replace the necessary bridge components and complete steelwork, and a new bridge deck and walkway will be poured. Work on the truss bridge is expected to last until April 2017.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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A cul-de-sac will be installed at the crossroads of Clark Street and D-Street, effectively closing off Clark Street from Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C) permanently. D-Street will connect with the new D-Street, on the east side of Santa Fe Avenue (US 50C).

Recent work has involved the design of a new bridge over the Phelps Creek Trail. Embankment and wall work at Gruma will begin this fall, and work will continue on Indiana Avenue.

SCHEDULE AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Normal working hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. 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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