

Pecos Street over I-70

Bridge Replacement/Interchange Improvements

July 2013

Weekend Closure of I-70 Starts Friday, July 19

On the evening of Friday, July 19, I-70, between I-25 and Federal Boulevard, will be closed to allow crews to demolish the existing Pecos Street bridge and roll the new 2,400-ton bridge into place over the highway. I-70 will reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, July 22. Motorists will need to use I-76 or 6th Avenue as alternate routes to navigate around this closure.

It will take approximately eight hours to demolish the existing bridge starting at midnight on July 19 and more than 10 hours to move the new bridge into place over I-70. The bridge is anticipated to be in its final placement over I-70 in the early morning hours of Sunday, July 21. The bridge will be moved using Self-Propelled Modular Transporters (SPMT), which are computer controlled platform vehicles capable of moving bridges of this magnitude. The bridge will move out of the bridge farm where it is being constructed, turn 180 degrees once it gets to I-70 and then move west on I-70 at a rate of approximately 100 to 120 feet per hour.

The remainder of the weekend closure is necessary to clean up the demolished bridge from the highway and secure the bridge to ensure it's safe for motorists traveling on I-70. The pedestrian bridge will be closed at the same time as I-70 for safety precautions. RTD routes 52 and 6 will use their current detours.

Pecos Street will remain closed through August while crews pave, finish roundabouts, complete landscaping, install utilities, signals and permanent barrier, and build the medians on Pecos Street. The \$18.6 million Pecos Street Over I-70 Project will be complete in September.

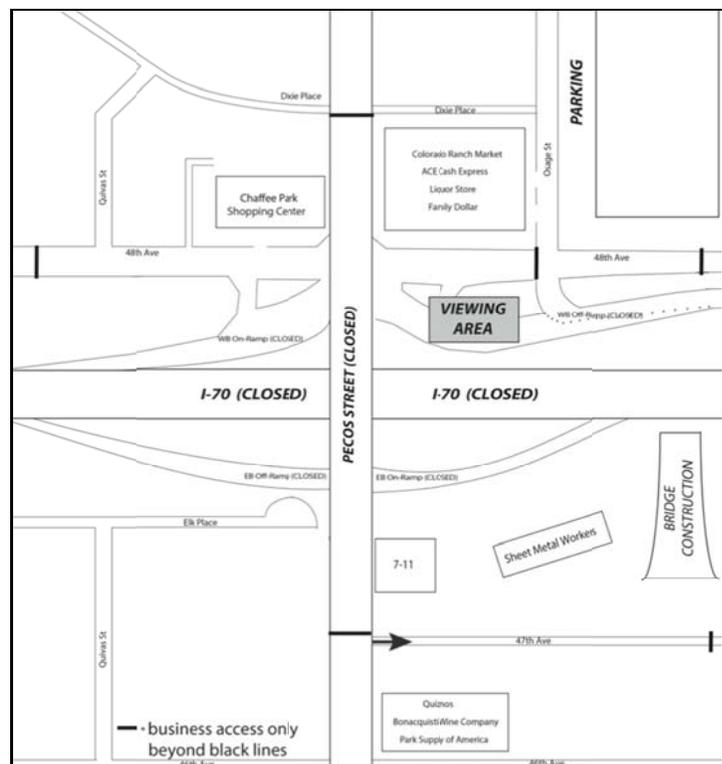
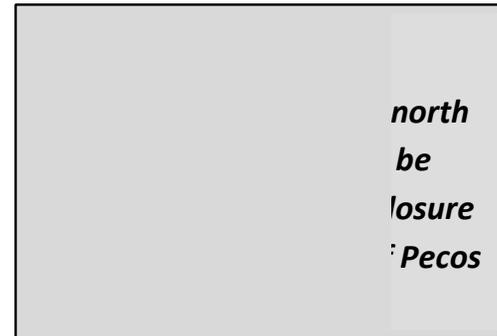
Public Viewing Area Available

The project team will set up a viewing area on Saturday for the public on the north side of I-70 near the westbound I-70 off-ramp to Pecos Street. This viewing area can be accessed from 52nd Avenue and Osage Street.

The initial bridge move onto I-70 will be Saturday between noon and 4 p.m. at which time the bridge will stop moving while crews prepare I-70 for the remainder of the move. The bridge will begin moving again at approximately 7 p.m. and into final place early Sunday morning. The viewing area will not be open all weekend but rather for the majority of the day on Saturday.

Live streaming of the bridge rollout will be available online at www.coloradodot.info/projects/pecosoveri70 and a time-lapse video will also be available online following the bridge move.

Members of the project team will be on site to answer any questions. Limited parking is available on Osage Street. See map to the right for more details of the viewing area and street closures.



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