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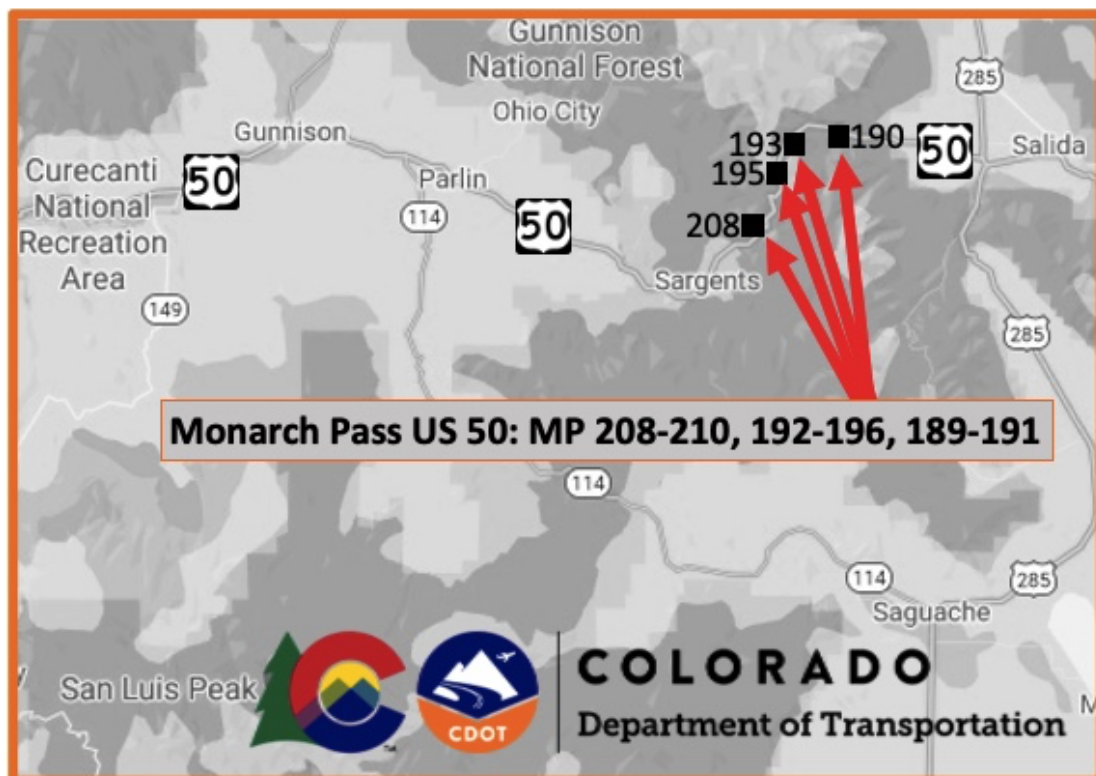
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## — PROJECT START —

### Region wide chain station improvements to begin May 17 on Monarch Pass

**MONARCH PASS** – The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin region wide chain station improvements on Monarch Pass starting May 17. The project is located at various locations on US 50 in Chaffee, Gunnison, and Saguache. Work will take place at the Monarch chain station areas. Tricon 2, LLC has been selected for this project, with work expected to be completed in the fall.

Work will take place along US 50 from MP 189.1 to 210.7. All locations will have new lighting installed, with some locations having solar powered lighting. Five locations will have widening and paving improvements, and two culverts will be replaced.



This project will enhance safety for commercial truck drivers traveling through the state of Colorado. Chain up stations, located along interstates and many high country highways, provide a safe well-lit environment for drivers to pull off the roadway, get out of their vehicles and put chains on tires or remove chains from tires. It is critical for commercial trucks to use chains to be in compliance with Colorado's chain law during winter months.

### Travel Impacts

Travelers will encounter construction operations Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Traffic control and temporary signals will be operating 24/7 with one lane closures at project work zones. Motorists are urged to use caution and watch for heavy equipment. At times, through lanes and turn lanes may be temporarily closed to traffic causing brief travel delays. Any temporary closures are to ensure the safety of the workers and the traveling public. Motorists should slow down, drive with caution and give themselves extra travel time.

### Stay Informed

For additional information about this project, contact the project team.

- Project hotline: (970) 239-7620
- Project email: [chainstationupgrades@gmail.com](mailto:chainstationupgrades@gmail.com)
- Project web page: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/r5-chain-station-upgrades>

Travelers are urged to “know before you go.” Gather information about weather forecasts, anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

- Road conditions and travel information: [www.COtrip.org](http://www.COtrip.org)
- Project or travel alerts: [bit.ly/COalerts](http://bit.ly/COalerts)
- Scheduled lane closures: [codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html](http://codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html)
- Social media: Twitter [@coloradodot](https://twitter.com/coloradodot) and Facebook [facebook.com/coloradodot](https://facebook.com/coloradodot)

### Notice to Commercial Truckers and Through Travelers on US 50

West bound commercial truck drivers and other travelers should be aware of major closures due to the US 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon project, located west of Gunnison. Travel time between Sargents and the Little Blue Creek Canyon closure point is approximately 1.5 hours. **Travelers are urged to plan ahead.** Visit the project website for more information about the US 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon Project: [www.us50info.com](http://www.us50info.com).

### About CDOT

[CDOT's Whole System-Whole Safety](#) program has one simple mission – to get everyone home safely. Our approximately 3,000 employees work tirelessly to reduce the rate and severity of crashes and improve the safety of all modes of transportation. The department manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway, more than 3,000 bridges and 35 mountain passes. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also operates Bustang, the state-owned interregional express bus service. Gov. Jared Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's intermodal mobility options.

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