

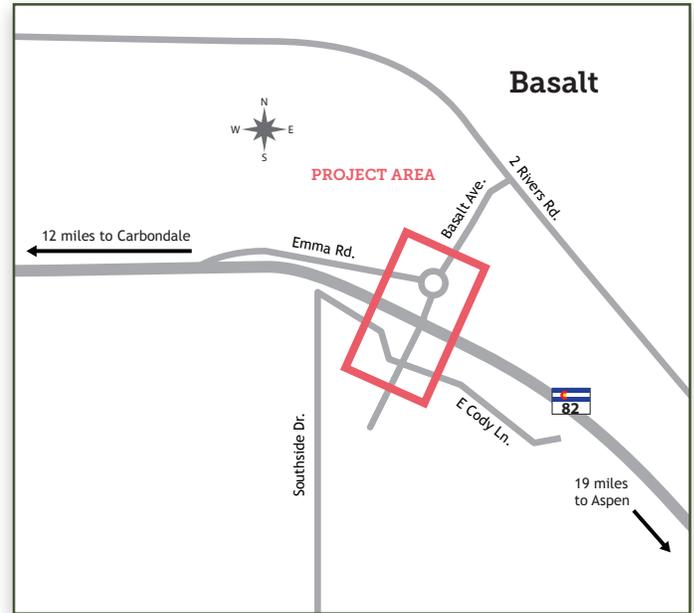
# SH 82 BASALT PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS

## Project Overview

On September 19, 2016, the Town of Basalt and contractor Oldcastle/United Companies broke ground on a pedestrian underpass road construction project on State Highway (SH) 82 near Basalt Avenue. The new underpass is being built on the Aspen side of the SH 82 intersection and will connect the Basalt store area to the bus station and parking lot.

The new underpass is designed to be 140 feet long, up to 9 feet tall, and 16 feet wide. It will also be illuminated. The project will require the removal of over 8,000 cubic feet of dirt. The construction of the underground path, combined with the installation of new traffic signals and an upgraded storm water drainage system, is anticipated to improve the flow of traffic and pedestrian safety along this busy stretch of the highway.

Oldcastle SW Group Inc., doing business as United Companies, was awarded the \$6.2 million project. Normal working hours will be Monday through Friday, beginning at 7 a.m. and concluding at 7 p.m. No work is planned on holidays or weekends.



## Project Update

As of mid-December, construction crews have almost completed excavation for the first half of the underpass and will be ready to make the first concrete pours right after Christmas.

The temporary shoring to hold up CO 82 during construction and create a safe working space is approaching its completion. All embankments and road widening measures have been completed for temporary detours and temporary traffic signal poles are also in place.

## Safety in Mind

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) estimates approximately 18,000 vehicles pass through the SH 82 / Basalt Avenue intersection each day. Traffic congestion at the intersection has only increased in recent years, and the existing highway crossing is heavily used by pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders.

With these factors in mind, the Town of Basalt and Pitkin County took initiative to increase safety for all means of transportation. The pedestrian underpass will allow the public to access both sides of the highway in an easy and safe fashion. Motorists using the intersection will also benefit from less pedestrian traffic and a more convenient loading area for public transit vehicles.

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## Project Schedule

The 13 month project is scheduled for completion in late October 2017. Here is the schedule of major phases of work planned for this project:

- **September 2016 – March 2017: North Phase**
  - Temporary bus stop placements (COMPLETE)
  - Building temporary lanes vehicle traffic (COMPLETE)
  - Removal of asphalt and underpass excavation/digging (IN PROGRESS)
  - Retaining wall construction along Basalt Avenue
  - Traffic switch to second detour configuration
- **March 2017–August 2017: South Phase**
  - Asphalt, excavation and retaining wall work
  - Final pavement, signals, striping, drainage & safety work
  - Reactivation of bus stations

- **September 2017 – October 20, 2017: Final Phase**

- Trail construction
- Curb, gutter and guardrail installation
- Final striping and landscaping

## Contact Us

If you have questions about the project, please contact the Public Information Team at 970-718-5818. The Team is also available by email at [Basalt@PublicInfoTeam.com](mailto:Basalt@PublicInfoTeam.com), and we are more than happy to add you to our email distribution lists. All inquiries will receive a response within 24 business hours.

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