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Bridge Types





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Context Statement (Prepared by Project Leadership Team)

The Grand Avenue bridge over the Colorado River, Interstate 70 and the railroad tracks, connects north and south Glenwood Springs, I-70 and State Highway 82, and the historic districts of downtown and the Glenwood Hot Springs.

The bridge stands as a gateway to the city of Glenwood Springs, Glenwood Canyon, the Roaring Fork Valley, and Colorado's western slope communities. It serves local, regional and state travel, local commuters, emergency response, bicyclists and pedestrians.

The soaring walls of Glenwood Canyon; the rich history of Glenwood Springs, built at the confluence of the Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers; mining; tourism and recreation define a splendid and vivid context for the Grand Avenue bridge.







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Photos of Bridge

North



East



South





West











Stakeholder Input to Decision Process









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Constructability and Impacts Full Closure - Detour Route and Modifications



27th and Midland

- Modify curbs and islands to accommodate larger turning trucks
- Consider peak-hour Uniformed Traffic Control to meter high-traffic entrances to roundabout



27th and Grand Ave.

- No left turns, EB to NB (detour to SH 82)
- Signal timing changes to coordinate with SH 82/ 27th







Pedestrian Bridge

8 factors that may Affect Potential Reconstruction of Existing Pedestrian Bridge















Constructability and Impacts

Construction Duration Variations by Bridge Form

Bridge Form	Relative Bridge Closure Duration (1)	Relative Accelerated Construction Risk (2)	Relative I-70 Closure Duration (3)
North Segment			
5 Span Constant Depth	Medium duration	Medium risk	Short duration
5 Span Haunched Girders	Medium duration	Medium risk	Short duration
3 Span Haunched Girder	Medium duration	Medium risk	Short duration
3 Span Extradosed	Medium to long duration	Medium to high risk	Short duration
4 Span Extradosed	Medium to long duration	Medium to high risk	Short duration
4 Span Tied Arch	Medium duration	Medium risk	Short duration



Notes:

- (1) Full Bridge closure construction option anticipated for up to 60 days during off-season
- (2) Risk of schedule delays
- (3) I-70 Closures anticipated as nighttime limited duration closures





Grand Avenue Bridge

Full Closure - Traffic Information



Northbound and Southbound Peak Traffic

Southbound hourly traffic demand on Midland during closure

Northbound hourly traffic demand on Midland during closure



Trip Types - How to Reduce Vehicle Trips by 20%-25% During Full Closure





