

# US 34 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

COMMUNITY MEETING ON UPCOMING PROJECT

January 2010

## YOU ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 14th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a presentation at 6:15 p.m.

**WHERE:** Estes Park Municipal Building Facilities in the Board Room (170 MacGregor Avenue in Estes Park)

**WHY:** In early February and early March, weather permitting, CDOT will completely close US 34 just east of Estes Park for bridge demolition and reconstruction. The first closure will take place in February and the second one in March, each lasting approximately 12 days. Both bridges, located on US 34 at mileposts 65.4 and 66.3, are over 70-years old and are in poor condition.

### Project Overview

In mid-November 2009, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began a bridge replacement project on US 34 between milepost 65.4 and 66.3. The project will replace two structurally deficient bridges that were originally constructed in 1937. SEMA Construction, Inc. is the contractor for this \$3.8 million project scheduled to be complete by the end of May 2010.

### What Work has Taken Place?

To date, the caissons for both bridges have been completed as well as the west abutment for the upper bridge (milepost 65.4). Work on the remaining abutment at the upper bridge and the abutments at the lower bridge will be completed in January prior to the full closures of US 34.



### Traffic Impacts

When the full closures are not in place, motorists can expect single-lane alternating traffic on US 34 at both bridges from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Flaggers will be on site to direct motorists through the work zone. Minor delays are expected.

### Upcoming Full Closure of US 34

To complete the new bridges, CDOT and its contractor will have to completely close US 34 for up to 12 days for each bridge in early 2010. The contractor has tentatively scheduled the closure dates; however, the dates are subject to change based upon weather, the fabrication of girders and other construction elements. Updates will be provided should the schedule change.

**Upper Bridge (milepost 65.4):** February 1, 2010 through February 12, 2010

**Lower Bridge (milepost 66.3):** March 1, 2010 through March 12, 2010.

### What is the Detour Route?

CDOT will officially sign the detour route to take motorists to State Highway 66 and over to US 36 to avoid heavy traffic and large loads on local roads. However, residents will still be able to use local roads as they see fit.

### What is the Timeline for the Project?

Contractor Begins Construction – Mid-November 2009  
First Closure of US 34- Early February 2010  
Second Closure of US 34- Early March 2010  
Construction Complete – By Memorial Day 2010

### Questions?

If you have questions about the project, please contact Mindy Crane at [mindy.crane@dot.state.co.us](mailto:mindy.crane@dot.state.co.us) or 303-757-9469. You can also call the project hotline at 970-685-0229. Please visit us on the Web at <http://www.dot.state.co.us/US34TrussBridges/>.

