

CDOT Begins American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funded Project in Durango

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Construction of Ramp B (eastbound on-ramp) on US 160 Grandview Interchange gets underway

LAPLATA COUNTY – The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has begun another American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project: construction of the eastbound on-ramp (Ramp B) at the new interchange in Grandview, east of Durango. Ramp B connects the main overpass bridge to eastbound US 160 and provides additional connectivity to properties and businesses via the south-side frontage road (see map at: <http://www.dot.state.co.us/us160durango/>).

This project, the second phase of interchange construction in Grandview, will receive ARRA funding in the amount of \$4 million and was contracted to SEMA Construction. The project involves construction of the 1,200 foot-long Ramp B, construction of a portion of the south-side access road, and construction of four retaining walls (two above and two below). It is scheduled for completion by May 31, 2010.

The first phase of interchange construction is still underway and scheduled for completion in September of 2010. Phase I has included the construction and paving of a fourth lane (2/3 of a mile long), four interchange bridges, six highway retaining walls, sub-structure work for two interchange ramps, earthwork for a 2,020-linear foot shared-use path, path retaining walls, a new signal at Farmington Hill, highway lighting, landscaping enhancements, wetlands mitigation and drainage improvements. One final project phase will complete the interchange in 2011.

TRAVEL IMPACTS:

Much of the work will be done off-road, causing minimal impacts to traffic. At times, single-lane closures will be necessary for equipment mobilization and a culvert crossing of US 160 east of the new overpass. Thank you for going

"Slow for the Cone Zone!"

ADDITIONAL PROJECT OR INTERCHANGE INFORMATION: For questions specific to the construction work, the public may contact the project information line at (970) 903-3999 or e-mail the SEMA Project Information Manager at us160@semaconstruction.com. Past press releases, interchange project information, updates and maps may be found at <http://www.dot.state.co.us/us160durango/>.

For information about the separate, ongoing re-evaluation of a US 550 connection to US 160 in Grandview, the public may log on to <http://www.dot.state.co.us/us550at160/index.cfm>. Finally, for information on other CDOT projects statewide, the public may log on to www.cotrip.org or call 511 from anywhere in the state.

ARRA INFORMATION: In all, Colorado will receive more than \$400 million for transportation projects and \$103 million for transit projects statewide. For more information about how Colorado is putting the recovery act to work, visit www.colorado.gov/recovery. For a list of CDOT's Recovery Act projects and additional ARRA information, visit www.dot.state.co.us/arra.