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# Northbound College Avenue reduced to one lane from Garfield Street to Laurel Street

## Major road reconstruction starts soon

Starting in late May, northbound College Avenue will be reduced to one through lane between Garfield Street and Laurel Street for approximately six weeks. College Avenue will remain open. However, most lane closures will be in place 24 hours, seven days a week, until this section is complete.

Crews will be performing full-depth roadway reconstruction, which involves removing buried concrete panels that have been covered by multiple asphalt overlays. New curb and gutter are part of the project. Although previous overlays have extended the life of the road, full rehabilitation is required in this section to improve safety, drainage and extend the life of the road. The last major work in this area took place more than 20 years ago.

Motorists should expect lane closures on northbound College Avenue between Garfield Street and Laurel Street. Crews anticipate placing barrier wall along northbound College Avenue to create a temporary work zone along the east side of the road. Once barrier wall is set and rehabilitation work begins, traffic will be reduced to a single through travel lane. After work is complete in this first work zone, the barrier wall will be relocated north to complete similar work between Laurel Street and Mulberry Street.

All work is weather-dependent and the schedule is subject to change. Normal work hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some night and weekend work is possible.



Road damage on College Avenue near Myrtle Street



Bridge deck repairs over Spring Creek

Speed limits may be reduced through work zones and fines will be doubled. A width restriction of 10-feet is necessary. Pedestrian access will be maintained through work zones.

## Night resurfacing work south of Horsetooth Road begins in late May

Starting in late May, a second crew will begin resurfacing College Avenue between Harmony Road and Horsetooth Road. Crews will perform work overnight in order to minimize daytime traffic impacts. Motorists should expect delays associated with single and double lane closures from 8pm - 6am. College Avenue will remain open to through traffic during the work. All work is weather-dependent and the schedule is subject to change.

As necessary, traffic control personnel will assist traffic through major intersections. Affected driveways and cross streets will be closed intermittently when milling equipment passes through. During paving operations there will be wet tack on the road surface that can damage vehicles. Therefore, signed detour routes will be provided for traffic turning on and off of College Avenue during overnight asphalt placement.

Crews will mill existing asphalt first before placing an asphalt leveling course and final top course across all travel lanes. It will take approximately three weeks to complete paving in both directions between Harmony Road and Horsetooth Road. Crews will proceed north along College Avenue throughout the summer. At times, motorists will be driving on milled or temporary surfaces. Some equipment noise is expected overnight.

## **Background**

This is the third and final phase of the work on US 287. The first phase went from Harmony Road south to Carpenter Road and was completed in 2014. Phase 2 went from Carpenter to 29th Street in Loveland and was completed in 2015. Martin Marietta was awarded the \$8.9 million Phase 3 contract by CDOT in July 2015. The project is funded through a combination of federal, state and local contributions.

Last fall, crews completed necessary spot repairs to concrete curb, gutter and sidewalks from Harmony Road to Garfield Street. Before a winter shut-down, southbound College Avenue was reconstructed between Mulberry Street and University Avenue. Since April, crews have been performing necessary bridge repairs in advance of resurfacing.

### Stay informed

During construction, drivers can expect lane closures along College Avenue. Closures will be communicated through weekly alerts using CDOT's email and text alert service, as well as to local media. To sign up for alerts, visit the project website at

http://www.codot.gov/projects/us287fortcollinsresurfacing. If you have questions or concerns, call the project information line at 970-443-7200 or send an email to: <a href="mailto:college287@workzone.info">college287@workzone.info</a>.