



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

US 34 EAST PERMANENT FLOOD REPAIRS

NEW BRIDGE OPENS TO TRAFFIC IN OCTOBER

In mid-October, traffic will move onto a new bridge over the “big hole” where US 34 east of Greeley washed out in September 2013. Both eastbound and westbound US 34 will be placed in a temporary alignment on the south side of the highway while crews complete construction of the north side.

Although the bridge is not over an active watercourse, heavy rains in May 2015 again demonstrated that this area is subject to flooding when high water inundated the work area and slowed the project’s progress. Together, the bridge and new box culvert west of the US 34 / US 34 Business intersection, provide needed drainage improvements for this important transportation corridor.

Highway and bridge construction is anticipated to be substantially complete in December 2015.



September 2014 - Prior to project



September 2015 - Bridge work near completion

IMPROVEMENTS TO US 34 / US 34 BUSINESS INTERSECTION UNDERWAY

Flatiron Constructors, Inc. continues to make progress on the future US 34 / US 34 Business intersection. In its final configuration, the redesigned intersection will be approximately 200 feet west of the current location. Improvements include a dedicated acceleration lane for southbound US 34 Business traffic entering eastbound US 34, design upgrades to meet current CDOT standards and intersection lighting. The horizontal alignment (i.e., curvature) of US 34 through the intersection will be flattened to meet the requirements of a higher design speed.

CURRENT & ANTICIPATED TRAVEL IMPACTS

One lane in each direction of US 34 will be maintained during construction. Both eastbound and westbound US 34 traffic will continue to be subject to flagger control and occasional one-lane alternating traffic control until the project is substantially complete in December 2015. Speed limits are reduced through the work zone and fines are doubled.

US 34 Business will also be subject to similar lane and road closures near US 34 while intersection reconstruction is underway. In order to complete the final intersection layout, brief partial or full closure of US 34 Business at US 34 might be necessary. If closures are needed, notice will be given on multiple variable message signs approximately one week in advance of any partial or full closures. Closures will also be noticed through local media outlets, www.cotrip.org, the project website, and through email alerts.

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Visit the project website (www.codot.gov/projects/floodrelatedprojects/us-34-east) for more information on the history and significance of this permanent flood recovery project. To sign up for email alerts, go to www.codot.gov and click on the envelope icon in the lower right hand corner of the page. Enter your information and choose "US34 Flood Repairs" under the "Colorado Flooding" list. If you have questions or concerns, please call the project information line or send an email to the project email address below.

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September 2015 - South side of the new bridge