Year in Review 2021

2021 Milestones

Jan. 1  Plum Creek bridge demolition is complete
Jan. 7  Crews pour deck on Upper Lake Gulch bridge
Jan. 11 County Line Road bridge construction begins
Jan. 27 Drilled 18 caissons (50 to 60-feet deep) at Plum Creek bridge
Feb. 1 Completed bridge girder set for the wildlife crossing at MP 170 south of Larkspur
Feb. 23 Drilled the first 12 caissons at County Line Road bridge during phase one of bridge construction
March 1 Completed soundwall installation on northbound I-25 near Monument
March 9 Poured bridge deck for the wildlife crossing at MP 170 south of Larkspur
March 10 Completed girder set for Plum Creek bridge
April 2 Completed construction of the 1,200-foot median cast-in-place wall
April 2 Completed soundwall along Monument Hill Frontage Road
April 10 Switched northbound I-25 traffic to new pavement between County Line Road and Greenland Road
April 12 Completed girder set for County Line Road bridge
April 18 Switched southbound I-25 traffic at Upper Lake Gulch Road to new pavement
April 21 Installed deck panels for County Line Road bridge
April 24 Completed demolition of Upper Lake Gulch Road bridge
April 26 Switched southbound I-25 traffic to new pavement between Greenland Road and County Line Road
April 29 Poured deck on the Plum Creek bridge - approximately 910 yards of concrete poured
April 29 Switched northbound I-25 traffic to new pavement for the wildlife crossing at MP 170 near Larkspur
May 20 Began placing permanent pavement between County Line and Greenland roads
May 22 Reopened Monument Hill Frontage Road after wildlife underpass construction, soundwall installation and drainage pipe installation
June 10 Completed installation of overhead sign structures between Plum Creek Parkway and Sky View Lane
June 14 Striped northbound I-25 into permanent alignment between County Line and Greenland roads
June 21 Striped southbound I-25 into permanent alignment between Greenland and County Line roads
July 2 Completed 4-day interchange closure at County Line Road to join existing roadway with new ramps and bridge structure
July 2 Switched County Line Road bridge traffic into new alignment to demolish the old bridge
July 7 Completed construction of a wildlife crossing at MP 162 between CO 105 and County Line Road
July 9 Completed demolition of the existing County Line Road bridge structure
July 13 Switched northbound I-25 traffic to permanent pavement from the NB Weigh Station to south of County Line Road
July 14 Switched southbound I-25 traffic to permanent pavement from the former southbound rest area to Greenland Road
July 19 Completed girder set for Upper Lake Gulch Road bridge; All girders in middle section set
July 20 Switched southbound I-25 traffic to permanent alignment from County Line Road to CO 105
July 28 Drilled six caissons for the County Line Road bridge during phase two of bridge construction
Aug. 5 Poured deck for Upper Lake Gulch Road bridge; All decks are poured in middle section
Aug. 21 Completed second 4-day interchange closure at County Line Road for permanent paving
Aug. 23 Completed 6-week closure of NB I-25 ramps at County Line for ramp construction
Aug. 31 Completed final structure pour in the middle section for the Upper Lake Gulch Road bridge
Aug. 31 Achieved permanent alignment along northbound I-25 between MP 164 (north of County Line Road) and MP 169.5 (south of Larkspur)
Sept. 2 Set girders at County Line Road bridge
Sept. 9 Completed deck panel installation at County Line Road bridge
Sept. 14  Achieved permanent alignment on northbound I-25 from CO 105 to north of Greenland Road
Sept. 20  Achieved permanent alignment on southbound I-25 from north of Greenland road to CO 105
Sept. 28  Completed deck pour on County Line Road bridge - marking final deck pour for the entire project
Sept. 30  Northbound permanent pavement completed and final alignment in place from CO 105 to MP 170 in Larkspur
Oct. 13  Shifted southbound I-25 traffic between Spruce Mountain Road and the wildlife crossing at MP 170; all traffic using three new bridges and wildlife crossing structure
Oct. 14  Reopened the southbound I-25 off-ramp to Upper Lake Gulch Road following bridge construction
Oct. 22  Completed final bridge concrete pour of project on the County Line Road bridge
Oct. 22  Opened the far-right lane on northbound I-25 north of County Line Road
Oct. 24  Reopened the northbound I-25 ramps at Sky View Lane following a 5-week closure for ramp construction
Oct. 25  Opened both the northbound and southbound I-25 truck climbing lanes at Monument Hill
Nov.  1  Opened the auxiliary lane on southbound I-25 from Sky View Lane to Spruce Mountain Road
Nov.  1  Shifted southbound I-25 traffic to permanent alignment between Spruce Mountain Road and Upper Lake Gulch Road
Nov.  9  Switched 18-miles of southbound I-25 traffic into final alignment from Castle Rock to Monument
Nov. 10  Finished all permanent asphalt paving in the southern section of the project, including County Line Road bridge
Nov. 12  Installed all overhead toll signs from CO 105 to Greenland Road
Nov. 12  Shifted northbound I-25 into final alignment from Greenland Road to south of Upper Lake Gulch Road
Nov. 13  Completed final striping and construction of the County Line Road bridge
Nov. 18  Completed final lighting for the County Line Road bridge
Nov. 19  Completed construction of the southbound I-25 chain-up station near Larkspur
Nov. 19  Completed final paving operations of the Upper Lake Gulch Road interchange and the Upper Lake Gulch roadway from the railroad to the interchange
Nov. 22  Switched 18-miles of northbound I-25 traffic into final alignment from Castle Rock to Monument
Nov. 22  Completed the final traffic shift of the I-25 South Gap project
Nov. 22  Hosted a press conference with Gov. Polis and elected officials to announce the opening of Express Lanes in mid-December 2021
Nov. 30  Rehabbed the portion of I-25 that spans over the Union Pacific Railroad
Dec.  1  Reopened the Upper Lake Gulch Road on-ramp to northbound I-25 following an extended closure
Dec.  2  Completed all toll lane striping on northbound and southbound I-25
Dec.  8  Completed Express Lane sign installation on northbound and southbound I-25
Dec. 10  Opened the Express Lanes on northbound and southbound I-25
Dec. 16  Spruce Mountain Road permanent paving complete following two-week closure of Spruce Mountain Road interchange
Dec. 20  Completed final guardrail and grading activities on the Upper Lake Gulch Road on-ramp to southbound I-25 following 5-day closure of ramp
Dec. 22  Completed 1.5-week closure of West Frontage Road for deer guard installation

2021 Community Outreach
915,537  Project Facebook page reach (with 309 posts)
143,997  Total I-25 South Gap website page views
3,745   Postcards to stakeholders delivered
3,533   Text alert subscribers
2,880   Email subscribers
235    Project emails and voicemails responded to
103    Project e-blasts and newsletters distributed
86     Text alerts sent
11     Project presentations at local governments and/or groups
3      Public information officer briefings
1      Digital open house with over 1,500 visitors
Workforce Milestones - Sept. 2018 through Jan. 2022

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