

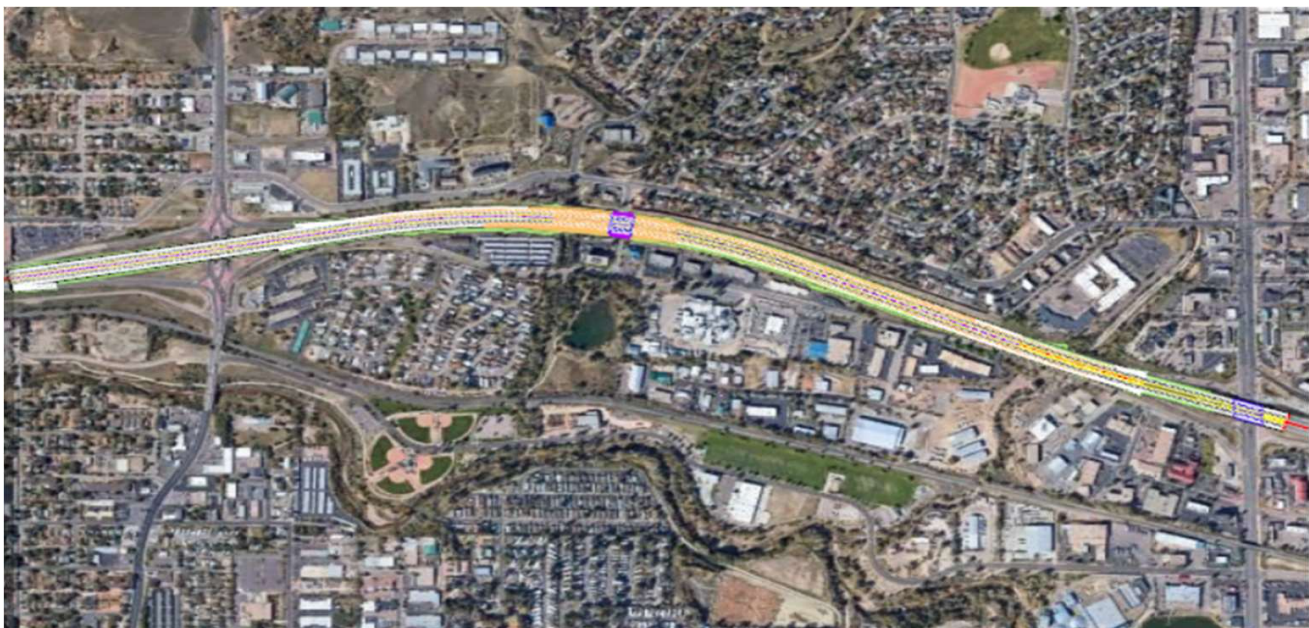


# Interstate-25 (Fillmore Street to Garden of Gods Road) Operational Improvements

## Project Details

### Overview

Increased traffic from community growth and business development has created the need for the Colorado Department of Transportation to initiate design and development of I-25 auxiliary/continuous merge lanes and other operational improvements between the Fillmore Street and Garden of the Gods Road exits in Colorado Springs. Improvements are in accordance with the previously completed Environmental Assessment.



### Key Issues

- Operational deficiencies of this section of I-25
- Slowing of traffic where on-ramp merge lanes transition onto the freeway
- Wait times from traffic congestion
- Crash history including from side-swipes, fixed objects and wildlife

### Project Cost

Preliminary estimate - approximately \$56 million for design and construction provided through state allocated infrastructure funds



## Improvements / Benefits

- Connect auxiliary/continuous ramp merge lanes on I-25 northbound and southbound between Fillmore Street (Exit 145) and Garden of the Gods Road (Exit 146)
  - During construction, three through lanes will be maintained in each direction except during the occasional off peak or nighttime lane closure
- Reconstruct aging Ellston Street overpass structures
- Asphalt pavement resurfacing (approximately 2 miles) and cross-slope correction within project limits
- Permanent water quality and drainage improvements as needed
- Intelligent Transportation System infrastructure upgrades as needed
  - Replace fiber optic system within project limits
  - Expand ramp metering station on northbound Fillmore on-ramp
- Preservation of the existing Sinton recreation trail and sidewalks at the Ellston Street Bridge overpass
- Wildlife crossing improvements
- Guardrail/barrier upgrades and repairs
- Updated traffic signage and pavement markings
- Bridge deck rehabilitation on Garden of the Gods Road overpass structure

## Tentative Schedule (subject to change)

- Technical analysis and preliminary design: Complete
- Public virtual open house: available on the project website, comments should be submitted by April 30, 2022
- Final design (Winter 2021 - Summer 2022)
- Anticipated construction: starting as early as Fall
- Estimated construction duration:
  - Total project = approx. 18 months
  - Ellston Street overpass bridge reconstruction = approx. 15 months
- Anticipated project completion in 2024

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