



# I-70 Floyd Hill

## Project Details

The I-70 Floyd Hill Project will improve eight miles of the I-70 Mountain Corridor, from west of Evergreen to eastern Idaho Springs.

### The project will:

- Address the bottleneck along I-70 at Floyd Hill and improve travel time reliability.
- Rebuild bridges to today's safety standards.
- Build a frontage road between US 6 and Hidden Valley/Central City Parkway and straighten I-70 curves to improve safety.

Work on several Early Projects identified in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process started in fall 2022 to help improve mobility and safety along the I-70 Mountain Corridor. These projects include:

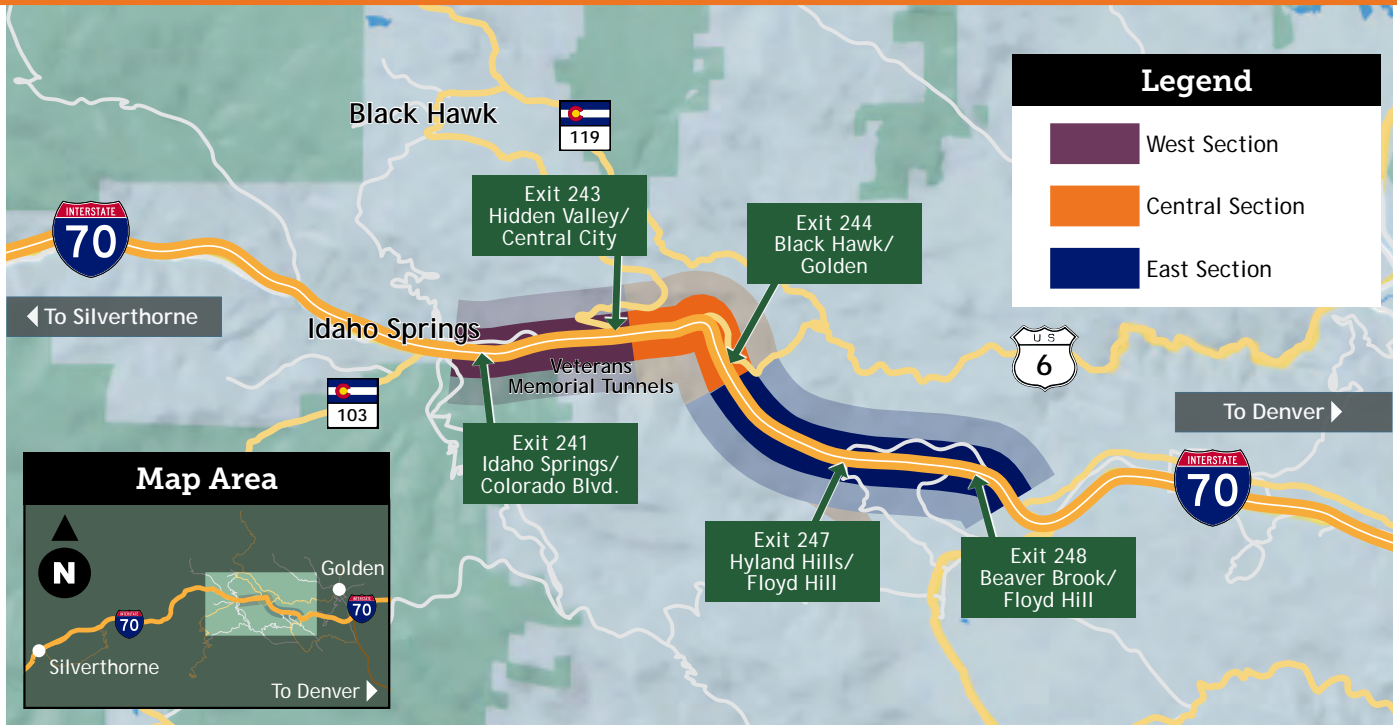
- Roundabouts along US 40 at County Road 65 and at Homestead Road
- Wildlife underpass at I-70 and Genesee.
- Wildlife overpass at US 40 Empire.
- Pegasus Transit Shuttle Stop

## Project Improvements

- Add a third westbound I-70 travel lane in this two-lane bottleneck. This new lane will be a full-time, tolled Express Lane.
- Rebuild bridges due to use, wear and tear, and heavy usage.
- Construct a missing two-mile section of the frontage road between US 6 and the Hidden Valley/Central City Parkway interchange.
- Improve operations by adding an extended on-ramp from US 6 to eastbound I-70, giving trucks room to merge.
- Improve traffic flow and access at interchanges and intersections.
- Improve sight distance on roadway curves.
- Improve the Clear Creek Greenway trail.
- Implement environmental mitigation to enhance wildlife connectivity, air and water quality, stream conditions and recreation.
- Install two permanent air quality monitors.



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Work on the main project will occur in three sections – East, Central and West. Here are the anticipated traffic impacts during each section of work:

### East Section

County Road 65 to the bottom of Floyd Hill (Construction began in July 2023).

- Outside widening work along eastbound and westbound I-70.
- Traffic stops in both directions for rock blasting work adjacent to eastbound I-70.
- Overnight lane closures and narrowed lanes and shoulders.

### West Section

Hidden Valley Interchange to Idaho Springs Exit 241 (Construction will begin in early 2024).

- Occasional stops in both directions for rock blasting work.
- Impacts to Clear Creek for bridge removals over the creek.
- Closure of eastbound off-ramp to Hidden Valley during bridge construction.

### Central Section

Middle of Floyd Hill to Hidden Valley/ Central City Parkway (Construction will begin in spring 2024).

- Traffic shifts in both directions of I-70 to facilitate construction of new bridges.
- Occasional stops in both directions for rock blasting near Hidden Valley.
- Possible overnight closures of I-70, using US 6 and US 40 as detour routes.
- Impacts to Clear Creek and the Greenway trail for bridge construction.

### Stay In the Know:

- Lane Closures: [COtrip.org](http://COtrip.org)
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