



I-70 Floyd Hill

I-70 Floyd Hill Project - Frequently Asked Questions

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What will keep the new, elevated I-70 bridges from freezing beyond normal winter conditions, and how will the roadway be plowed so the lanes below are not impacted?

The Project will employ increased levels of maintenance (products, personnel, etc.) to this section of I-70 at Floyd Hill. We will be adding snow fencing for crossover areas, specifically over I-70, Clear Creek and the Clear Creek Greenway trail. We also have identified nearby snow storage areas in which maintenance can push snow when clearing the roadway.

Does the Project address sun glare and its associated closures?

The I-70 Floyd Hill Project design team thought a lot about how they could address the issue of sun glare. Unfortunately, there is not a practical design solution to resolve the glare issue caused by the sun's angle during fall and winter months. The current alignment of I-70 would have to be majorly shifted to make any potential difference, and this isn't possible due to the mountain terrain. Sun glare is one of the many realities of Mother Nature - like ice, snow and fog - that we face when traversing mountain roads. We just can't build our way out of these. Please [visit CDOT's sun glare safety webpage](#) with tips on how to be prepared and drive safely during the early morning hours on eastbound I-70.

When will the Project be complete?

Westbound I-70 will be in its new alignment by the end of 2027 and eastbound I-70 will be in its new alignment by the end of 2028. The entire Project will be complete in 2029.

How can I see what the Project will look like upon completion?

[Check out the I-70 Floyd Hill Project's flyover rendering](#) that provides details on what the end product will look like and how traffic will flow at various interchanges.

Will the new lane be an Express Lane?

Yes, the new Floyd Hill Express Lane will tie in operationally to the Westbound Mountain Express Lane between the Veterans Memorial Tunnels and US 40/Empire. This new lane will be a full-time, tolled Express Lane from just west of Homestead Road (Exit 247) through the Veterans Memorial Tunnels to Idaho Springs (Exit 241), to provide consistent congestion relief to a continuous bottleneck on I-70.

Is rock blasting still occurring?

In July 2026, the Project reached substantial completion of planned rock scaling and blasting, and motorists can expect a significant decrease in daily traffic holds. Occasional blasting may still be required as work progresses and if unexpected rock is encountered. Motorists are encouraged to stay tuned to text alerts or sign up by texting floydhill (one word)



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to 21000 for information on future blasting and other construction-related traffic impacts. Use [COTrip.org](https://cotrip.org) and the [COTrip Planner App](#) to receive additional travel notifications on current travel times.

When will the Clear Creek Greenway Trail be open?

The I-70 Floyd Hill Project requires a long-term closure of the Clear Creek Greenway Trail between the US (Exit 244) and Hidden Valley (Exit 243) interchanges for construction activities through 2029, during which it is unsafe for multi-use travel. The Clear Creek Greenway Trail closure has been extended to 2029, rather than reopening in 2027 as originally planned. During the design phase, the project team identified the need for additional time to complete landscaping improvements and finalize grading for the resurfaced trail. Extending the closure will help ensure the safety of both workers and the public while construction continues in the area.

During the summer months, the I-70 Floyd Hill Project offers an on-demand courtesy shuttle to help trail users bypass the one-mile closure. Please [visit the Clear Creek Greenway trail webpage](#) for more information.