



I-70 Vail Underpass – Project Schedule Overview

Preconstruction	<p style="text-align: center;">Starts March 21, 2016*</p> <p>This phase of work will involve relocating fiber optic lines, putting temporary concrete barriers in place and other activities that might be necessary to start major construction in April. It will take about two weeks to complete this work and lane closures on I-70 and the frontage roads are possible between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Work hours are anticipated to be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. during this phase.</p>
Phase 1A/1B	<p style="text-align: center;">April 4, 2016 - June 2016</p> <p>I-70 traffic will use the temporary asphalt median cross overs constructed in the fall of 2015. I-70 traffic will operate in opposing single lanes in a barrier-separated configuration on the south side of the highway (eastbound lanes) while construction of the underpass bridge along westbound I-70 proceeds. Once the westbound bridge is complete, traffic will shift to the north side of the highway (westbound lanes) in a similar single-lane, barrier-separated configuration to build the underpass bridge along eastbound I-70. Both bridges will be wider to accommodate frontage road traffic in Phase 2. Frontage road traffic is unaffected during this phase. Work hours are anticipated to be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during this phase.</p>
Phase 2	<p style="text-align: center;">July - November 2016</p> <p>After the Fourth of July holiday, both the south and north frontage road traffic will be detoured onto I-70 near mile point 175 to accommodate construction work to lower the frontage roads. This phase includes building the underpass and roundabout configurations on both sides of the highway as well. The North Frontage Road traffic will run in a one-way configuration in the westbound direction alongside westbound I-70 traffic from Lion’s Ridge Loop to Timber Ridge while South Frontage Road traffic will run in a one-way configuration in the eastbound direction alongside eastbound I-70 from Cascade Resort to Cascade Crossing (just before Forest Road). I-70 will operate in a narrowed shoulder configuration of two travel lanes in each direction. Work hours are anticipated to be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during this phase. Other items of note during this phase:</p>

*Many construction activities are weather-dependent so these specific dates are subject to change

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pedestrians and bicyclists will be directed to use the Gore Valley Trail south of the project and the North Rec path north of the project ▪ All local residences will remain accessible during this phase of the project ▪ Access to the Gore Valley Trail will be maintained during this phase of the project ▪ The North Rec path will be detoured to a parallel alignment that is just north of the project area ▪ The Town of Vail will suspend the Green Route but double the frequency of the Red Routes ▪ There will be no impacts to Bustang or ECO Transit operations
<p>Phase 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November 2016 - March 2017</p> <p>During this time, there will be a suspension of major construction activities to accommodate the ski season. Frontage Road traffic will return to its normal alignment with travel permitted in both directions along both the north and south frontage roads. There will also be two lanes of travel in each direction of I-70 during this timeframe. As weather conditions allow, excavation work will be done under the new I-70 bridges. This work will not impact I-70 or frontage road traffic.</p>
<p>Phase 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April - November 2017</p> <p>Traffic will return to the Phase 2 configuration with frontage road traffic again running in a one-way configuration along the outside lanes of I-70 for continued construction of the roundabouts along with landscaping work and installation of final aesthetic components. All other impacts listed in Phase 2 will also be in place during this phase. The project is scheduled to be complete by December 2017.</p>

The purpose of the I-70 Vail Underpass project, located approximately at I-70 mile point 175, is to improve multi-modal connectivity between the north and south sides of I-70 within the Town of Vail. The project is also expected to address transportation deficiencies that exist with respect to interchange operations in the Town. While I-70 serves as a transportation lifeline to the community, it also transects the Town of Vail. Having this additional underpass will not only make transit operations more efficient, but it will make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross

Town and improve emergency service response times. Having an additional place to cross I-70 between the Vail Town Center and West Vail interchanges will also provide travelers another option and should improve the operation of the two interchanges during peak travel times. While this project will provide another crossing under I-70 it will not create another interchange. For consistent and timely responses to any questions or concerns you might have during this project, please use these resources:

Project hotline: 970.685.7706

Project email: i70vailunderpass@cig-pr.com

Project website: www.codot.gov/projects/i70vailunderpass

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