

I-70 VAIL UNDERPASS PROJECT | PHASE I FACT SHEET

Minor work starts March 21

Major I-70 traffic shift begins April 4



March 21, 2016 | Preliminary construction activities are scheduled to begin.

This phase of work will include relocating fiber optic lines, putting temporary concrete barriers in place and other activities that might be necessary to start major construction on April 4.

Work Hours* 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

Traffic Impact Lane closures on I-70 and the frontage roads are possible between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

April 4, 2016 | Major construction activities are scheduled to begin.

On April 4, both directions of I-70 traffic will be pushed to the south side of the highway (into the eastbound lanes) while the underpass bridge is built along the westbound lanes. When this work is done, I-70 traffic will be shifted to the north side of the highway (into the westbound lanes) to build the underpass bridge along eastbound I-70.

Work Hours* 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. However, because much of this work is weather-dependent, it could be necessary to do additional nighttime and/or weekend work to stay on schedule.

Traffic Impact During this time, I-70 will be reduced to one lane and 45 mph travel in each direction. Drivers should expect minor delays. Frontage road traffic will be unaffected during this first phase of work.

Construction of both bridges is expected to be complete by July 1, 2016.

* Many construction activities are weather-dependent so the schedule is subject to change.

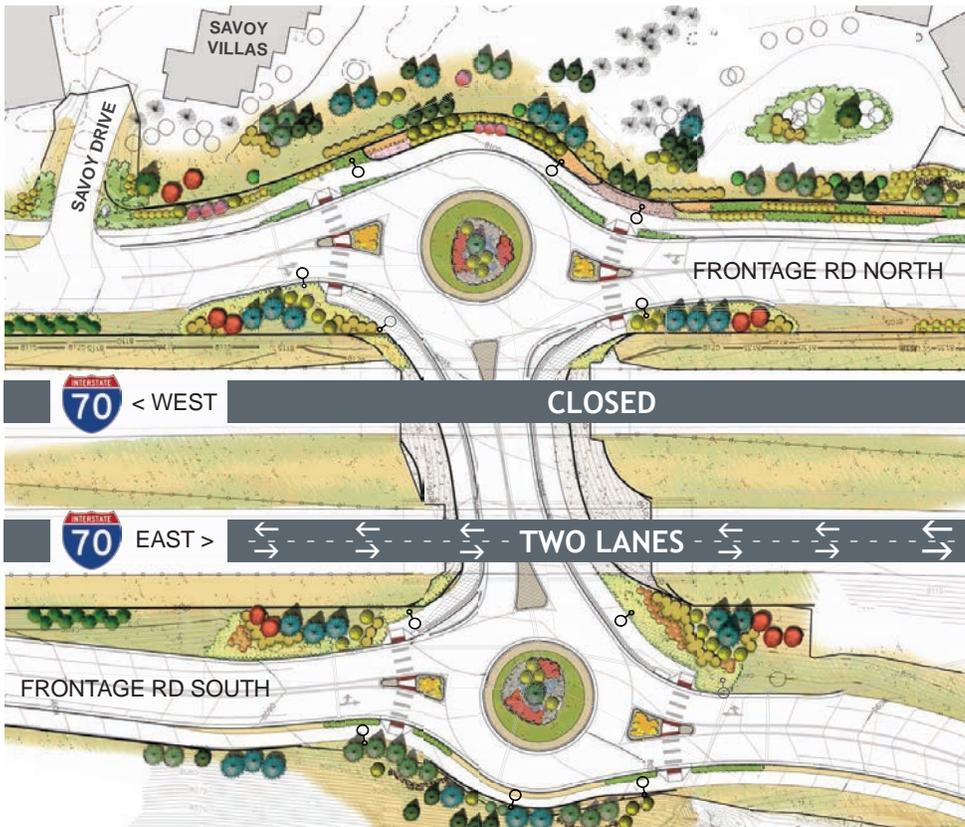


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Phase 1A/B Detour

Begins Monday, April 4

Westbound bridge with I-70 traffic in head-to-head configuration on south side of the highway. Once complete, traffic will be diverted to north side of highway to allow for eastbound underpass bridge construction.

Future Project Phases

- Phase 2 July - Nov. 2016
Frontage Road Lowering
- Phase 3 Dec. 2016 - March 2017
Limited Winter Work
- Phase 4 April - Dec. 2017
Final Frontage Road Construction

Project Background

- The Town of Vail provides access for thousands of winter and summer guests every year. Outside users access the area via three interchanges from I-70 and along the North and South I-70 Frontage Roads in the Town of Vail. Growth in the Town of Vail itself, as well as increasing visitors to the Town, has caused congestion along the frontage roads and specifically at the West Vail and Vail Town Center interchanges along I-70. The idea of an additional underpass between West Vail and Vail Town Center has been discussed since the 1980s as a way to enhance connectivity and reduce congestion at the two interchanges.
- The I-70 Vail Underpass project will create an additional I-70 underpass near I-70 milepoint 175, connecting the north and south frontage roads between the Vail Town Center and West Vail interchanges. The project does not add additional I-70 exits/interchanges into the Town of Vail.

Project Benefits

- The underpass will help relieve congestion at the interchanges and reduce the number of vehicles queuing at the I-70 exits at Vail Town Center and West Vail
- Also provides an alternative route for local traffic to use, avoiding the existing I-70 interchanges, and providing a direct connection between the core resort village areas and the West Vail commercial district
- The underpass will enhance multimodal transportation options within the Town of Vail
- Pedestrians who currently cross I-70 illegally at-grade will be given a viable, safe alternative
- Allows emergency vehicles to cross I-70 without reliance on congested interchanges
- Bicyclists will be provided a direct connection between the North Recreational Trail and the Gore Valley Trail, avoiding the West Vail and Vail Town Center interchanges
- Improves community connectivity
- The project schedule aims to reduce construction impacts during the winter tourism season



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