



I-25: The New Pueblo Freeway

Ilex Street to City Center Drive

I-25 ILEX STREET TO CITY CENTER DRIVE

PROJECT UPDATE

Five months into the I-25 Ilex Street to City Center Drive project in Pueblo, the project is well underway and making steady progress. Crews are currently preparing to erect bridge girders in order to widen the I-25 bridges over Santa Fe, which will result in an improvement to safety on Pueblo's roadways. The bridge widening on City Center Drive is also advancing at this time with the completion of the concrete deck and the asphalt to be placed in Spring 2016.

PROJECT PROGRESS

Crews have made the following progress on the project:

- Small structure removals and slope work have been completed on northbound and southbound S. Santa Fe Avenue between Rush and Locust Streets.
- An estimated 115,000 cubic yards of roadway embankment has been placed.
- Crews have placed 400 cubic yards of concrete as part of the widening of bridges on I-25 over City Center Drive and Santa Fe Avenue.
- Mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall panels have been installed along the future D Street east of Santa Fe Avenue, as part of the new bridge construction. There are over 120,000 square feet of MSE walls planned throughout the project.
- The images of the baseball player have been successfully installed on the D Street wall panels.
- Crews have relocated utilities from Ilex Street to the future D Street.

UPCOMING WORK

Crews will continue work on bridge widening and rehabilitation on northbound I-25 over Santa Fe through



Image of a baseball player on the new D Street wall panels

the beginning of February. In late January, temporary ramp construction will start for the on/off ramps on northbound I-25 at Ilex/D Street. The construction of walls along the new D street will proceed through the month of January. Both storm drain installation at Kelly Avenue and waterline installation at Gruma Drive will initiate in January as well.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began work on the I-25 Ilex Street to City Center Drive project in July. The first segment to be constructed as part of the New Pueblo Freeway consists of replacing bridges on I-25 between Ilex Street and City Center Drive. Work includes rehabilitation of bridges on northbound I-25 over Santa Fe/US 50 Business, I-25 over Indiana Avenue, on US 50 Business over the Arkansas River, and on Northern Avenue and Mesa Avenue over I-25. The project was designed with respect for the traditions and trends of the Pueblo community, and one section of the recently installed D Street wall panels displays the image of a baseball player, paying homage to Pueblo's beloved pastime.

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Flatiron Constructors of Broomfield, Colorado is the contractor for this \$69 million project, which is expected to be completed in late 2017.

SCHEDULE AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Normal working hours are from Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be some nighttime and weekend work as needed.

The speed limit will be reduced in the construction zone for both the safety of the traveling public as well as construction crews working along the highway. Please use caution and stay alert while traveling through the construction zone.

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