

# Region 2 Bridge Bundle Project

## **Project Details**

#### Overview

Colorado is one of the fastest growing states in the country, and with that growth comes strain on aging transportation systems that have significant consequences in the form of growing safety and mobility problems. As part of the Colorado Department of Transportation's Region 2 Bridge Bundle project, 17 structurally-deficient structures will be replaced on three separate corridors beginning as soon as July 2022.

The rural highways which house the structures are essential to enabling not just the mobility of the populace which lives in the southern and western portions of the state, but are also key to supporting intra- and interstate-commerce, particularly regarding the movement of agricultural products and access to tourist destinations. The three rural highway corridors where structures are being replaced include:

- Colorado Highway (CO) 9
- US Highway 24
- US Highway 350

#### The importance of each corridor includes:

### CO 9 Corridor (Mountain Region)

- Three structures to be reconstructed between Cañon City and Alma
- Provides vital access for residents and tourists to many of the recreation destinations in the Rocky Mountains, which is essential to supporting the rural tourist-based communities
- Major north/south corridor through the middle part of Colorado
- Alternate route for floods & fires, community evacuation route

#### US 24 Corridor (Mountain Region)

- Five structures to be reconstructed between Florissant and Antero Junction
- Part of the National Highway System
- Provides route across the Rocky Mountains
- Vital economic corridor connecting front range communities to western slope communities
- One of only three major east/west alternatives in Colorado

### US 350 Corridor (Plains Region)

- Nine structures to be reconstructed between La Junta and Trinidad
- Provides a connection between Interstate 25 (I-25) and US 50 (saving many miles for freight traffic)
- Designated route for hazardous waste, gasoline, diesel and liquefied petroleum
- Major access point to the US Army's Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site

Construction completion on this \$43 million project is slated for late 2024. The purpose of this project is to provide necessary improvements to these 17 structures so motorists can be ensured that they are driving on more stable and up to date structures with life spans of 100 years.

#### **Project Contact Information**

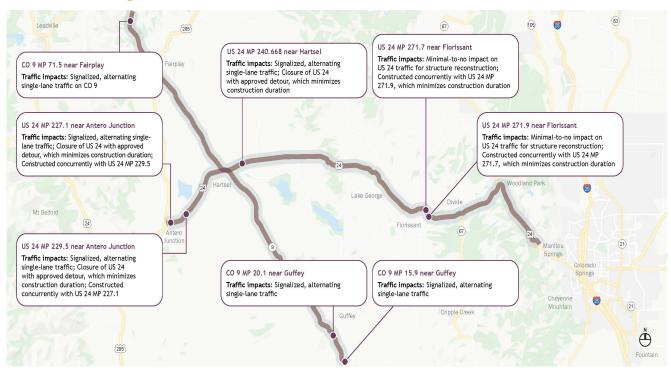
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## **Mountain Region**



## **Plains Region**

