



**COLORADO**  
Department of Transportation

## Bridge Bundle Project West - Mountain Region



**Project Update - March 2023**

### **Construction start on U.S. Highway 24 Structures near Antero Junction**

The Colorado Department of Transportation in collaboration with prime contractor CapitalTezak Joint Venture began work on two structures located on U.S. Highway 24 near Antero Junction. These structures located at Mile Point 227.1 and 229.50 were built in 1937 and will be reconstructed concurrently. For the safety of the traveling public these structures require full replacement.

Work started in late February with shoulder closures to mobilize crews and equipment to the construction sites. In early March, crews performed preparation work to include as much as work as possible before needing to close the roadway.

## Antero Junction Structures

Both structures will be replaced with single aluminum box culverts (ALBCs) with aluminum headwalls and wingwalls to expedite construction. These structures are located near Antero Junction approximately two miles east of the intersection at U.S. Highway 24 and U.S. Highway 285.

### Traffic Impacts - March

- U.S. Highway 24 is currently OPEN to motor vehicles.
- Construction impacts:
  - 21-day closure of U.S. 24 to minimize construction duration. The 21-day closure of U.S. 24 begins April 17 through May 7.
  - Detour Route: CO 9 to US 285
  - Beginning Feb. 27 - Shoulder closures are required from MP 227.037 to 229.526. Shoulder closures, occasional lane closures and flagging operations are possible for several weeks before and after the closure.



## Guffey Structure

This bridge structure will be replaced with single aluminum box culverts (ALBC) with concrete headwalls and wingwalls. Construction to begin in March 2023 and will be completed in five months. The structure is located on CO 9 at MP 20.1 approximately 2 miles south of Guffey.

### Traffic Impacts - March

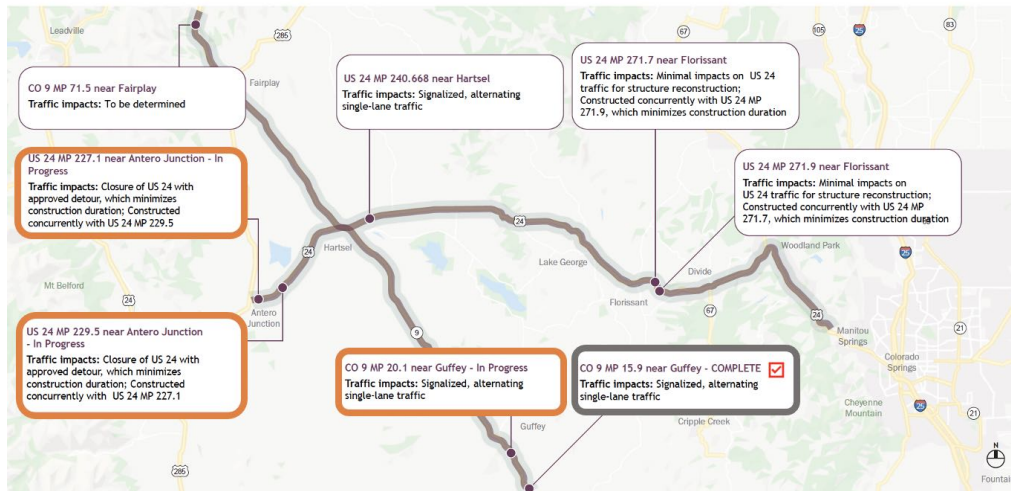
- Colorado Highway 9 is currently OPEN to motor vehicles.

- Construction impacts:
  - Signalized, alternating single-lane traffic begins March 13
  - Beginning the week of March 6 - Shoulder closures are required from MP 19.881 to MP to 20.43. Shoulder closures and occasional lane closures are possible during project construction.

## MOUNTAIN REGION



## Region 2 Bridge Bundle Project



## Upcoming Work

### Two U.S. Highway 24 structures near Florissant at MP 271.7 and 271.9.

- Will be lined with a special material-fabricated inserts
- Timeline: mid-May for approximately three months
- Impacts:
  - Shoulder closures and occasional lane closures are possible
  - Crews will capitalize on other project closures and complete bridges at MP 271.7 & 271.9 during that time

### U.S. 24 structure near Hartsel at MP 240.668

- Will be replaced with an aluminum box culvert structure
- Timeline: July for approximately three months
- Impacts:
  - Signalized, alternating single-lane traffic with on-site shoofly
  - Construction on this structure will be longer than originally planned since there will be no closure of U.S. Highway 24, but the on-site shoofly (temporary work-around lanes) will allow the

structure to be built at one time, instead of slower phased construction.

## **CO 9 structure north of Fairplay(Alma) at MP 71.5**

- Will be replaced with an aluminum box culvert structure with aluminum headwalls and wingwalls to expedite construction.
- Timeline: Summer/Fall 2023
- Impacts:
  - To be determined

## **Region 2 Bridge Bundle Project Information**

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. The purpose of this project is to provide necessary improvements to 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.

The three rural highway corridors where structures are being replaced include:

- Colorado Highway (CO) 9
- U.S. Highway 24
- U.S. Highway 350

### **The importance of 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

### **The importance of U.S. 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

Construction completion of the Bridge Bundle \$43 million project is slated for late 2024.

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