



## Project Fact Sheet

# US 50 Blue Mesa Bridge Update

Roadway closed between Montrose and Gunnison

### Project Overview

A safety closure is in place for a section of US Highway 50 located west of Gunnison. The Colorado Department of Transportation closed the bridge on Thursday, April 18, at the urging of the Federal Highway Administration and state bridge engineering experts due to the findings of an ongoing safety inspection, which identified a crack in a bridge girder. The bridge closure is located between Gunnison and Montrose, east of the US 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon project.



### Current Status

The bridge will be repaired in two phases:

- The goal is to finish phase one in early July which will allow reopening one lane on the bridge for limited travel by lighter vehicles.
- Phase two will focus on making permanent repairs to allow full traffic back onto the bridge. The completion of this work - and the full reopening of the bridge - is expected in fall 2024.

### Travel Impacts

- US 50 is closed from Mile Point 136 to MP 140 over Blue Mesa Reservoir. The various marinas and recreation areas along US 50 are still accessible.
- County Road 26 is open to travel several times daily for people living and/or doing business or recreating in the area. This road is open to recreation vehicles, trailers and heavier trucks up to 85,000 pounds.
- Vehicles over 85,000 pounds and hazardous loads need to use I-70 to the north or US 160 to the south.

### Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us.

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