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I-25 South Gap Update Oct. 12, 2020



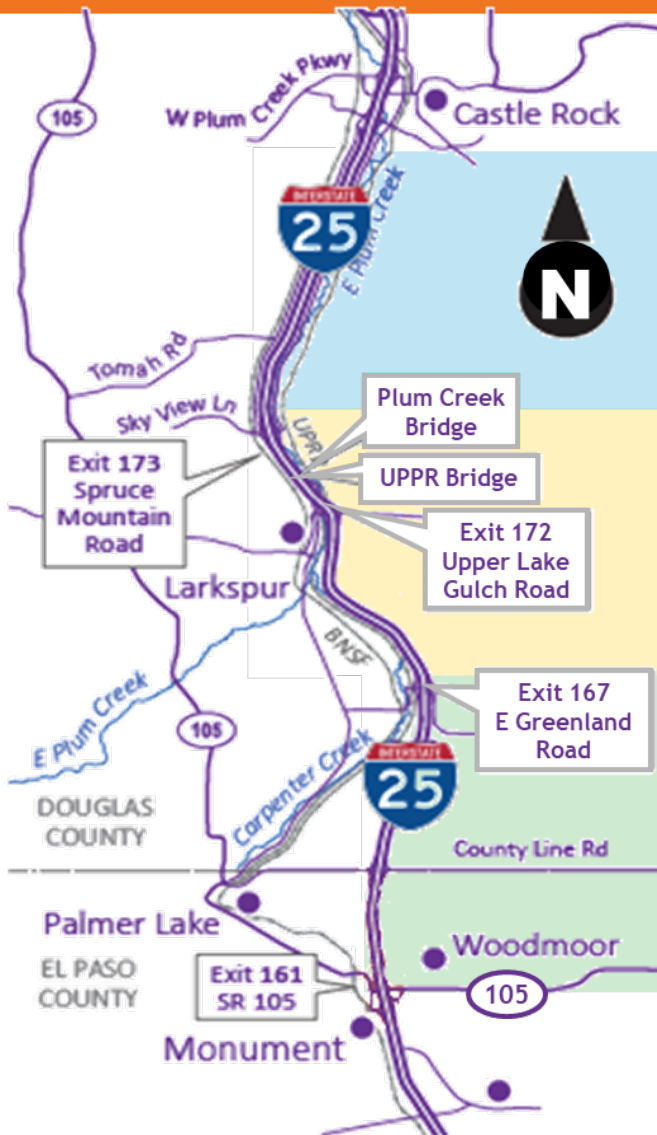
Key Points

- Two-year construction anniversary, on track for completion in 2022
- Project will increase safety and mobility - Express Lanes, wider shoulders, wildlife crossings, new bridges, improved technology
- Climbing lane on SB I-25 between south of Greenland Rd. to Monument Hill will act as fourth lane
- No tolling in El Paso County - only between Plum Creek Parkway and County Line Road
- 5 miles of the 18-mile project will complete this fall, between Plum Creek Parkway and Sky View Lane (Tomah Road)
- Safe driving behaviors remain critical throughout work zone





Project Map and Scope



NORTH SECTION
MIDDLE SECTION
SOUTH SECTION

South of Castle Rock to Sky View Lane (5 miles)
New Express Lanes and pavement

Sky View Lane to Greenland Road (6 miles)
New Express Lanes and pavement
Bridge replacements at Upper Lake Gulch Road, Spruce Mountain Road and Plum Creek
One wildlife crossing

Greenland Road to Monument (7 miles)
New Express Lanes and pavement
Three new wildlife crossings
Bridge replacements at Greenland and County Line roads
New truck climbing lane on southbound I-25 along Monument Hill to the Port of Entry

Construction scheduled for completion in 2022

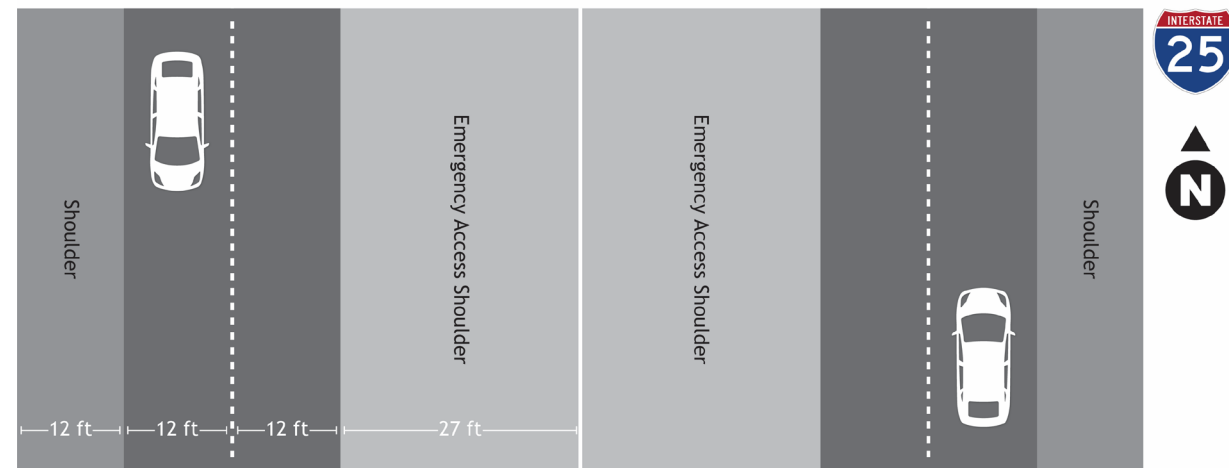


North Section Update

- The safest and most reasonable option is for the new lanes in this section to operate as shoulders and be used for emergency purposes while the rest of the corridor is under construction.
- Once the entire 18-mile stretch is completed in 2022, then the new lanes will open as Express Lanes.
- After tolling infrastructure installation is complete, there will be a testing period in which tolls will be waived. Once the testing period is completed, Express Lane tolling will begin.

North Section Temporary Alignment

I-25 between Plum Creek Parkway and Sky View Lane (Tomah Road) | Fall 2020-2022



The new Express Lanes will be located in the middle of the interstate once the project is completed in 2022.



North Section Now





Progress Update

Project Promise	Progress as of September 2020
<p>Updated infrastructure: Five bridges will be reconstructed as part of the I-25 South Gap project.</p>	<p>From north to south:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Spruce Mountain Road bridge is 95% complete- The Upper Lake Gulch Road bridge is 25% complete- The bridge over Plum Creek is 50% complete- Greenland Road interchange is about 50% complete- Reconstruction of the County Line Road bridge was added to the project last year. Design is underway, and construction is expected to begin in 2021.
<p>Update infrastructure: Removal and installation of new drainage pipes throughout the project work zone.</p>	<p>Completed 7 of 9 miles total drainage pipe installation</p>



Drainage and Bridge Work



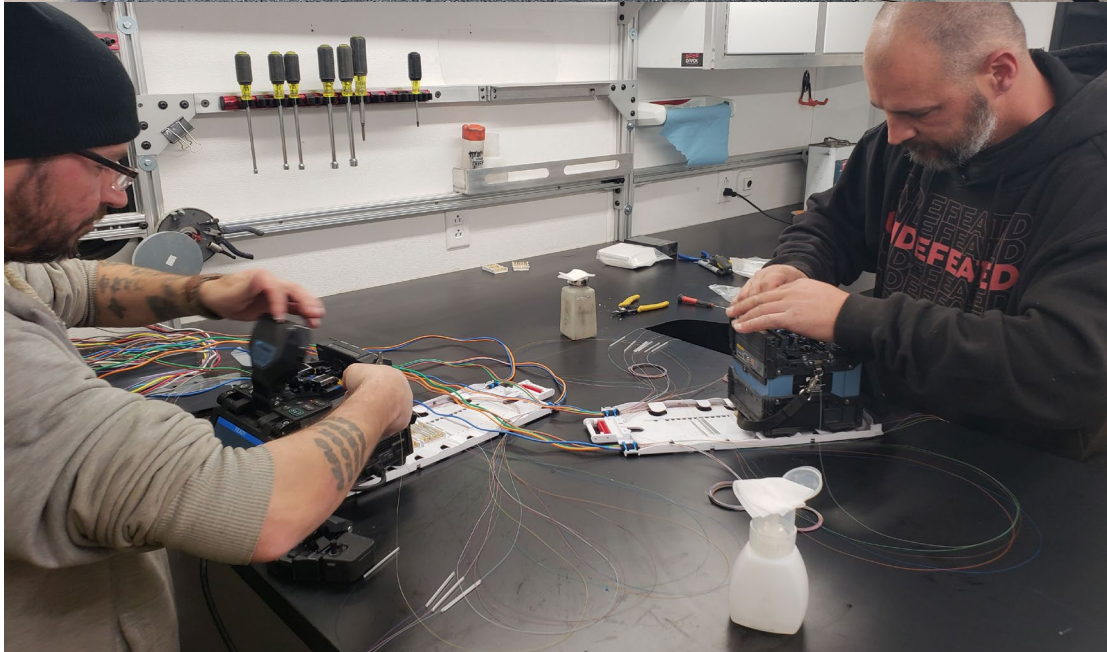


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Project Promise	Progress as of September 2020
<p>Wildlife safety: Four new wildlife underpasses are being built to reduce animal/vehicle collisions along the I-25 South Gap corridor. These full-span bridges were designed in partnership with the Colorado Parks & Wildlife specifically to accommodate animal crossing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- All four bridges are under construction and nearing completion- 14 miles of 27 miles total of deer fencing, which helps guide wildlife to the crossings, has been installed.
<p>Advanced technology: Crews are working to modernize communications and power along the corridor to enable future advanced technology. Part of this advanced technology comes in the form of new fiber-optic cable.</p>	<p>Crews have installed nearly 9,600 linear feet of fiber-optic line that was beneath I-25.</p>
<p>Smoother driving surface: The entire 18-mile project area will get new pavement. The project will use 850,000 tons of asphalt.</p>	<p>Summer 2020 has been the season of paving on the I-25 South Gap project. More than 40% of paving (350,000 tons) is set to be complete in summer 2020.</p>



Paving, Fiber Installation and Wildlife Crossing





Ongoing Impacts

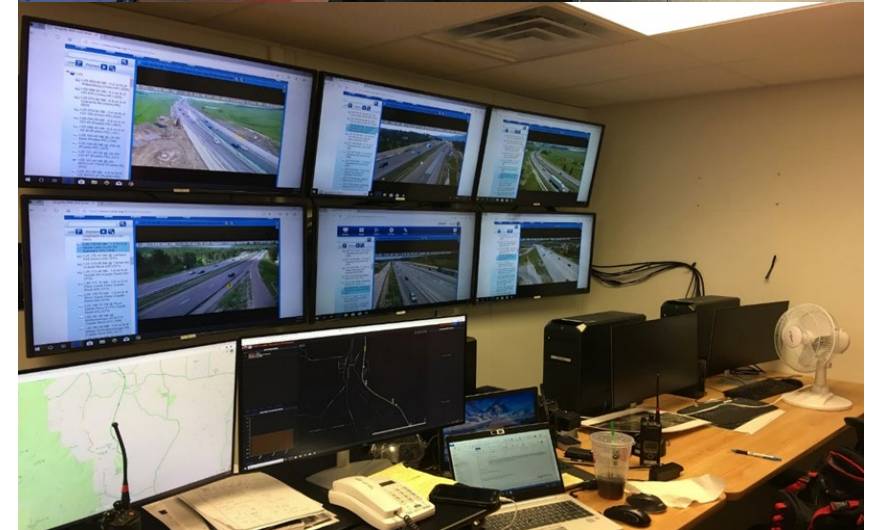
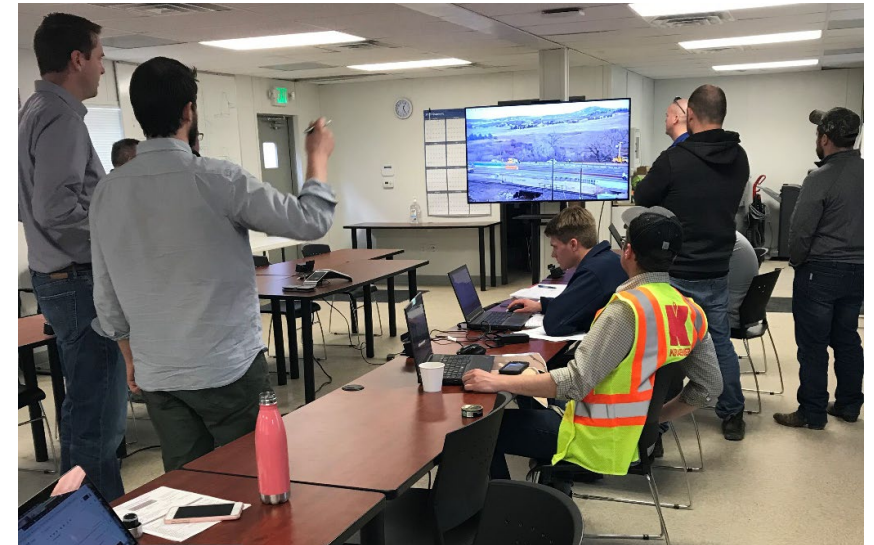
- Lane closures Sundays - Fridays, 8 p.m. - 5 a.m.
- Some extended lane closures (up to 16 hours)
- Various overnight ramp closures
- Continued long-term ramp closures at Upper Lake Gulch and Spruce Mountain roads
- I-25 closures and ramp detours
- 7-month closure of Monument Hill Frontage Road, started Aug. 24





CDOT Safety Efforts

- Reduced speed limits (fluctuate by time of day)
- Smart Work Zone System devices:
 - Portable Variable Speed Limit signs
 - Queue detection and truck entering/exiting warning systems
 - Portable message boards
- Implemented a Project Operations Center
 - Helped reduce incident response times from 40 to 20 minutes
- Courtesy Patrol
- Frequent restriping to help with delineation
- Increased law enforcement, CSP by ground and air
- Hold biweekly meetings with first responders to discuss and improve incident response
- Provide accurate and timely information to motorists through texts, e-blasts and Facebook





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