



CIRCLE DRIVE BRIDGES REPLACEMENT PROJECT

FACT SHEET

Current Status

Construction during Phase 1 consists of moving traffic on the existing eastbound Circle Drive bridges while constructing bridges to the south. This work will continue through 2024. Generally, construction work will take place between 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday (weekend and night work may be needed under special circumstances).

Circle Drive will have two lanes of traffic open in both directions during construction while the removal of the original westbound bridges occur. There will be temporary lane closures on Las Vegas Street and Hancock Expressway during the remainder of this phase. The Pikes Peak Greenway Trail will be detoured during all three phases of construction.

Upcoming Work

During Phase 2, the traveling eastbound traffic will shift from the original eastbound bridges to the newly constructed eastbound bridges. In the final Construction work of Phase 3 will consist of shifting Circle Drive westbound traffic to the new westbound bridge and then removing the original eastbound bridge. There will likely be another full closure of Las Vegas during the final phase.

Project Timeline



Fall 2022
Design finalized



Fall 2023
Construction began



Fall 2025
Construction anticipated to be completed



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SUMMER 2024

Project Background

The Circle Drive bridges were originally built in 1963. Over the past several years, the City of Colorado Springs has used available funding toward rehabilitation to keep these bridges in service. After several in-depth analyses, an evaluation of initial capital investment and a review of overall life-cycle costs, the City has determined that replacing the bridges is the best solution. Given the extensive degradation of the existing structures, further rehabilitation would be more expensive while not fully providing the required structural capacity. Based on current condition, and as the bridges have exceeded their 50-year service life, the City completed a design process for replacement of the bridges. The project is funded through Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) Priority A-list.

Project Design

The eastbound and westbound lanes of Circle Drive east of Interstate-25, between Janitell Road to the south and Monterey Road to the north, are carried on a total of four bridges consisting of two sets of twin structures. At more than 800 feet long in total and situated 60 feet above Fountain Creek, the structures carry two lanes of traffic in both directions. They span over Fountain Creek, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, the Union Pacific Railroad, the FMIC (Irrigation), Las Vegas Street, Hancock Expressway, and the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail. Construction for replacement began in fall 2023. The final design will include new bridges in both directions, and pedestrian and bicycle access.



Above: a rendering of the completed project with new bridges, pedestrian and bicycle access.

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