

Fillmore Street Bridge Improvements and Trail Connections – I-25 to Monument Creek Project (Fillmore Bridge Project)

Frequently Asked Questions

About the Project

1. Are the Fillmore Street bridges safe until they can be replaced?

The Fillmore Street bridges over Monument Creek, the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail, and the railroad were constructed in the 1960s and are nearing the end of their service lives. As a result, these bridges have been prioritized for replacement as the Fillmore Bridge Project.

Recent routine maintenance has been completed in the project area to maintain safe and functional bridges. Routine inspections on the Fillmore bridges and all City bridges are conducted regularly as a part of the City's Bridge Program.

2. What is the purpose of the Fillmore Bridge Project? How will this project address community needs?

The purpose of the Fillmore Bridge Project is to address current and future transportation needs while developing recommended alternatives to replace the bridges nearing the end of their serviceable lives. Priorities include improving safety for all users, alleviating traffic congestion, and planning for future demand on Fillmore Street. The plan aims to improve multimodal connectivity along the crossing and to the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail.

This project will look to develop solutions that include:

- Replacing bridges nearing the end of their lifespans
- Improving safety
- Accommodating travel demand
- Increasing multimodal connectivity

3. What are the project boundaries?

The project boundaries include the bridges over Monument Creek, Pikes Peak Greenway Trail, and the railroad. The project area does not include the diverging diamond interchange bridges over I-25 or connections to Cascade Avenue.

During the first phase of the project, the limits of the project area will be refined as part of the Planning and Environmental Linkage Study (PEL).

The City understands the importance of multimodal facilities on Fillmore Street, particularly extending them from the project area east to Cascade Avenue. While this is outside the scope and funding of this bridge project, the City is aware of the desire for multimodal accommodation along Fillmore Street and is looking into future potential projects and funding to accomplish this.



Figure 1: Project Area Map

Current Maintenance

4. What maintenance was recently completed on the Fillmore bridges?

Routine maintenance was completed in December 2024 on the bridges over Monument Creek, Pikes Peak Greenway Trail, and the railroad just east of I-25. This maintenance included repairs to the bridge deck, waterproofing, and an asphalt overlay. Routine maintenance of these bridges will keep them serviceable until they can be replaced within the next several years.

The maintenance was not part of the Fillmore Bridge Project, but updates were provided as they became available.

Phase I: Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study

5. What is a PEL Study?

A Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study is a transportation planning study that identifies transportation issues and priorities, environmental resources and concerns, and stakeholder and public concerns. The study follows federal guidelines, and plans and recommendations produced during this phase can be carried into subsequent environmental review phases.

The City was awarded a Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for this phase of the project and is working in coordination with the FHWA to conduct the current study as the project's first phase.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity

6. How will bicycle and pedestrian facilities be included in this project?

The Pikes Peak Greenway Trail currently runs beneath one of the Fillmore Street bridges without a connection to the roadway above. Additionally, the existing bridges only accommodate a narrow sidewalk on the south side, and the current roadway does not include bicycle infrastructure.

As part of the project, the City will seek to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety along Fillmore Street and provide trail connection(s) to the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail. The draft alternatives include a proposed multi-use path on both the north and south sides of the bridges as well as connection(s) to the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail.

Draft Concept Alternatives

7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the draft concept alternatives?

During the Winter and Spring of 2025, the City will evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the draft concept alternatives. While it is unknown which option(s) will provide the biggest advantages to the City, each option will be evaluated to ensure it meets the Project's [Purpose and Need](#).

8. What is the purpose of the north and south alignment shifts as part of the draft concept alternatives?

The north and south alignment shifts are being evaluated as options to maintain traffic and minimize impacts along Fillmore Street during construction. Shifting the bridges north or south could allow a portion of the existing bridges to remain in service while the new bridges are being constructed.

Construction

9. How imminent is construction on the bridges?

The Project was identified as Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) A-list priority project on the November 2022 ballot, and funding became available in January 2025. Due to the criticality and cost of the project, the City is also pursuing additional Federal funding for construction. The Fillmore Bridge Project is anticipated to begin construction in late 2026 or early 2027.

10. Does the City currently have a construction detour plan in place?

Fillmore Street is a heavily traveled east-west corridor. Prior to the start of construction, the City intends to accommodate reasonable detour route(s) for all modes, including access to the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail.