



I-70 Overflow Bridge Maintenance Project near De Beque To Begin Next Week

Project Overview

The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin a bridge maintenance project to the I-70 westbound bridge over the Colorado River, near De Beque in Mesa County. Crews will begin work on Monday, Mar. 26, 2018, and work is expected to be completed in October 2018.

This 614-foot long bridge was built in 1982 and the goal of this project is to provide repairs to promote safer and smoother driving conditions to the traveling public.

Repairs will include mitigating fatigue cracks in the structural steel girders, deck repair, replacement of bridge expansion joints, as well as additional roadway work with the replacement of guardrail, construction of crossovers, replacement of hot-mix asphalt and waterproof membrane.

Hamilton Construction is the prime contractor in this \$3.4 million-dollar project.

Traffic Impact and Information

Work on this project will occur in three phases, to minimize traffic impacts. During all phases, motorists should be prepared for traffic impacts, including lane closures, detours and temporary delays. The current phasing schedule includes:

Phase 1:

Week of Mar. 26 - Eastbound and westbound traffic will be placed in a single-lane configuration while detour is set up. On Mar. 26 (Monday), eastbound traffic will be detoured to single lane configuration while crews set up temporary striping and prepare the westbound lane for detour.

Phase 2:

Week of April 16 - Westbound traffic will be switched and placed in the detour configuration, while crews work on the bridge rehabilitation. This configuration will include single lane traffic for both directions of I-70 from mile marker 56 to 59.

Phase 3:

Week of Aug. 27 - Traffic will be switched to the right lane of westbound I-70, while crews remove temporary barriers and work on paving, striping and sign installation.





Working hours will be from 7 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. However, these hours may be extended and weekend work may also occur, if a need is determined.

The speed limit will be reduced to 45 MPH through the work zone during all phases.

Contact Information

If you would like to be added to our Public Outreach contact list and receive project updates, or if you have any question or comment, please contact us at the phone number or email address below. We also encourage you to visit the project website for information and photos.

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