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I-70 Bethune & Burlington Improvement Project Newsletter

Weekly Traffic Impacts and Work Update

April 22 to 26

This week crews expect to complete the paving of the two detour crossings. One, just west of Bethune between Mile Points 426-427 and the other, closer to Burlington, near MP 436.

In addition, preparation for head to head traffic will begin on eastbound I-70 between Bethune and Burlington (MP 426 to 436). This includes removing existing pavement markings, re-striping a double yellow centerline and placing delineator posts between lanes on eastbound I-70.

There will be a 24 hour, 7 day per week left lane closure on eastbound I-70 from MP 426 to 436 beginning Monday, April 22.

On I-70 westbound near mile points 436 and 426 there will be left lane closures from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday. Traffic flow will continue



Phase 1 resurfacing and improvements from Mile Point 427 to MP 436.

Project Schedule

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- No delays are expected.
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About the Project

The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin a highway improvement project on March 25 on Interstate 70 from Bethune, west of Burlington, to the Kansas state line.

Improvements will be made in both the eastbound and westbound lanes from Bethune to Burlington and the westbound lanes of I-70 from Burlington to the Kansas state line.

The first phase of the project will consist of constructing two detour crossings, resurfacing east and westbound lanes of I-70, some shoulder reconditioning, rehabilitation of two bridges, and upgrading emergency median crossovers, traffic signage, delineators, striping and guardrails. This work will occur in a nine-mile stretch from Mile Point 427 near Bethune to MP 436 at Burlington.

In the next phase, crews will resurface an eleven-mile portion of westbound I-70 from MP 438 near Burlington to MP 449.6, the Kansas state line. Additionally, guardrails, delineators and striping will be upgraded along this stretch of interstate. Simon Contractors, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, is the contractor for this project.

This project will improve and prolong the life of the road surface as well as providing a variety of improvements that will enhance safety. Resurfacing can greatly extend the life of the asphalt pavement. Some highways may last more than 50 years with periodic resurfacing of the top layer of asphalt and timely repairs.

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Road Conditions

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**Anticipated Construction Activities
In Cheyenne, Elbert, Lincoln and Kit Carson Counties**

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4/21/24	Striping/Painting work on multiple roadways and intersections throughout Lincoln, Kit Carson & Cheyenne Counties will be occurring during the months of April and May. During this time you can expect to see mobile, single-lane closures on the roadways and night work on the intersections.					RS&H: Project Engineers Derek Gonsler: (970) 330-7151 Caden Tyler: (720) 297-7663		
4/21/24	NHPP 0705-089	70	436.0	437.0	Kit Carson	Median work WB Paving crossovers and installing temporary street lights	Monday through Friday 7am to 7pm @ MM 436-437 WB Left Lane and Left Shoulder closure	CDOT: Benesch Project Engineer Russ Higgins 720-982-5537 Simon Contractors: Lonnie Niesent 308-530-4412. Project Public info: 719-297-1544 or i70bethuneburlington@gmail.com
4/21/24	NHPP 0705-089	70	437.0	436.0	Kit Carson	Median work EB Paving crossovers and installing temporary street lights	Monday through Friday 7am to 7pm @ MM 436-437 EB Left Lane and Left Shoulder closure	CDOT: Benesch Project Engineer Russ Higgins 720-982-5537 Simon Contractors: Lonnie Niesent 308-530-4412. Project Public info: 719-297-1544 or i70bethuneburlington@gmail.com
4/21/24	NHPP 0705-089	70	426.0	436.0	Kit Carson	Placing Flexible Delineator posts between the lanes. Removing existing pavement markings and restriping double yellow center line and edge line 7am-7pm	Monday through Sunday 24 hrs per day @ MM 426-436 EB Left Lane and Left Shoulder closure	CDOT: Benesch Project Engineer Russ Higgins 720-982-5537 Simon Contractors: Lonnie Niesent 308-530-4412. Project Public info: 719-297-1544 or i70bethuneburlington@gmail.com
4/21/24	NHPP 0705-089	70	426.0	436.0	Kit Carson	Paving left lane MP 435.25 to MP 436.5, Patching MP 426-MP436	Tuesday through Thursday 7am to 7pm @ MM 426-436 EB Left Lane and Left Shoulder closure	CDOT: Benesch Project Engineer Russ Higgins 720-982-5537 Simon Contractors: Lonnie Niesent 308-530-4412. Project Public info: 719-297-1544 or i70bethuneburlington@gmail.com
4/21/24	NHPP 0705-089	70	426.0	427.5	Kit Carson	Median work for WB Installing temporary street lights.	Thursday through Friday 7am to 7pm @ MM 426-427.5 WB Left Lane and Left shoulder closure.	CDOT: Benesch Project Engineer Russ Higgins 720-982-5537 Simon Contractors: Lonnie Niesent 308-530-4412. Project Public info: 719-297-1544 or i70bethuneburlington@gmail.com
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<p>Note - Starting on Monday 4/22 at MP 436 the contractor will start placing flexible delineator posts and working west to MP 426 with the permanent closure of the EB left lane. It is anticipated it will take 3-5 days to place the delineators.</p>								