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I-70 Bethune & Burlington Improvement Project

Weekly Traffic Impacts and Work Update

May 20 to May 26

Westbound lanes of I-70 from Mile Point 436 to MP 426 are closed. This is a 24/7 closure to allow for the resurfacing of this westbound stretch of I-70. All westbound traffic is diverted to a head to head traffic configuration on eastbound I-70 between Bethune and Burlington. This closure and traffic configuration is expected to last until August when crews are expected to complete the resurfacing of the westbound lanes.

Additionally, the Bethune interchange has a partial closure while westbound I-70 is being resurfaced. Westbound I-70 traffic will not be able to access the Bethune exit. Both the on and off ramps for westbound I-70 will be closed. Westbound traffic will need to exit at Burlington to access Bethune. Westbound traffic leaving Bethune will need to enter westbound I-70 at Stratton.



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

Project Schedule

- Work is expected to be complete by late October 2025
- This project is anticipated to shutdown for winter between November 2024 and March 2025
- Normal working hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Traffic Impacts

- During paving operations in the first phase, traffic will be shifted to a head-to-head configuration on one side of I-70 with single-lane traffic in both directions.
- The speed limit will be reduced during work hours and all other times through the work zone

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

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5/19/24	NHPP 0405-041	US 40/287	399.1	399.2	Lincoln	Intersection Improvement construction: Concrete pavement, curb and gutter, storm sewer, curb ramp and new striping.	Monday through Sunday 24 hrs/Day - Right Lane closure. Lincoln County Road 109 (CR 32/3rd Ave) Closed. Detour - use 4th Ave to 3rd St. to CR 109/32/3rd Ave.	CDOT: Karl Larson 719-740-1052 TLM Contractors: Jaedon Mills 970-346-8623. Project Public info: 719-771-3975 or us40hintersectionproject@gmail.com
5/19/24	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
5/19/24	STA 0711-021	71	48.7	63.8	Lincoln	Paving work	One lane traffic both North and South. Shoulder closures and one lane traffic with flagger Sunrise to Sunset Monday through Friday. 12 foot width restriction 24/7.	CDOT: Drew Furnes 303-720-0891 Dave Brubaker 303-472-7555 A&S: Andy Seiden 719-851-0483 Project Public Info: 719-417-5030
5/19/24	NHPP 0705-089	70	426.0	436.0	Kit Carson	WB traffic is on EB I70 Head-to-Head configuration	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
5/19/24	NHPP 0705-089	70	429.0	429.0	Kit Carson	Bethune Interchange Partial Closure - Detour signs posted	Monday through Sunday 24 hrs per day @ MM 429 WB I70 on and off ramps closed.	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
5/19/24	NHPP 0705-089	70	436.0	426.0	Kit Carson	Milling WB I70 - WB I70 closed and detoured into the EB lanes of Head-to-Head traffic.	Monday through Sunday 24 hrs per day @ MM 436 to MM 427 WB I70 all lanes closed.	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

