

# PROJECT UPDATE

## WESTSIDE AVENUE ACTION PLAN PROJECT

### Project Overview

The Westside Avenue Action Plan (WAAP) is a multi-jurisdictional infrastructure revitalization project to improve safety, mobility and provide the momentum for renewed economic vitality for the 1.5-mile corridor that runs from 31st Street to the U.S. 24 Interchange. The corridor connects the two historic districts of Old Colorado City and Manitou Springs.

Construction began in January 2017 and is expected to be complete in December 2018. The \$30.9 million project is funded primarily through the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, with contributions from other major stakeholders including Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU), Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Manitou Springs Urban Renewal Authority.

### Project Progress

Significant progress was achieved in the latter part of 2017, with the installation of major underground infrastructure (storm drains, water and sanitary sewers) in Manitou Springs. This allowed the roadway surface to be paved with the lower layer of asphalt, providing improved traffic flow through the construction zone. Two important project milestones, the temporary removal of the “Historic Manitou Springs” arch sign and removal of the northern half of Colorado Avenue bridge over Fountain Creek also took place in the Fall of 2017.

### Traffic Impacts

Work continues on Manitou/Colorado Avenue causing one lane of alternating traffic west of Fountain Creek to S. 36th Street. Flaggers are also present throughout the corridor as needed.

Ridge Road is now permanently closed between W. Pikes Peak Avenue and Colorado Avenue. A pedestrian



**Removal of the “Historic Manitou Springs” arch sign**

and bike plaza will be installed at this location this Fall. Motorists can use S. 36th or S. 34th Streets to access Colorado Avenue.

Major construction work is underway around Fountain Creek and the new Adams Crossing Bridge on Colorado Avenue between Columbia and Ridge Roads. Traffic in this area will experience lane shifts and one lane alternating traffic controlled by flaggers, as needed, during construction.

### Winter Work

Work on the WAAP project will continue through the winter, taking advantage of the warmer winter temperatures as long as possible. Crews will be constructing the support structure for the new Adams Crossing Bridge, wall construction and continuing the installation of the new 30-inch raw water line.

CSU will also begin moving the overhead power lines to underground. Once the electric and communications lines are installed, new sidewalks will be poured.

The project team appreciates your support and understanding as they work to revitalize the Manitou/Colorado Avenue corridor.

### Contact

If you have questions about the project, please contact the public information team. You can also sign up for periodic project updates and weekly traffic advisories by sending an email to our project email below.



**Removing steel girder from the bridge over Fountain Creek**

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