



Weekly Construction Update May 21-25, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS & CLOSURES

- **Yampa Street Paving Closures** Run May 21-23
- Crews Restart Work On **Emerald Park Railway Crossing** With Work On US40
- **Lincoln Ave Signal Upgrades** Underway by CDOT
- **CDOT US40/Rabbit Ears Pass** See Continued Travel Impacts

YAMPA STREET

Work resumed on Yampa Street with the final major element of the Yampa Street Improvement Project underway. This past week, crews removed two-inches of existing asphalt from 5th to 12th Streets in an effort to ready for paving.

Starting Monday, May 21, crews will begin paving the entire stretch of Yampa Street. During paving operations, no vehicles are permitted through the work zone and closures of portions of the street will occur. Paving work is scheduled to run from Monday, May 21, through Wednesday, May 23, weather permitting.



EMERALD PARK ACCESS & RAILWAY CROSSING

Starting on Monday, May 21, United Companies will restart work on the Emerald Park Access construction project. The first phase of work will be reconstruction of the intersection of Emerald Park Lane and Lincoln Avenue. Expected to occur until mid-June, work on the highway (Lincoln Ave) includes reconstruction of the median, placement of additional drainage improvements, and restriping.

Lincoln Avenue will be reduced to one lane in either direction. When possible, crews will attempt to open lanes of the highway to traffic, especially on weekends. This will not always be possible and there may be times when work is not occurring but lanes remain closed. The travelers expect traffic delays, especially during peak commuting periods.

Users of the Emerald Park fields and the Botanic Park can expect to see work within the parking lot near Pamela Lane. During construction activities, there will be times when up to half of the parking lot could be closed. Parking along Pamela Lane is not allowed by park users. In addition, the new crossing is not complete and is not open for public use, even for pedestrians. Using the new crossing area to access the park is considered trespassing and those using that area to cross the railroad tracks could be subject to enforcement.



LINCOLN AVENUE SIGNAL UPGRADES

Over the past few weeks, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has begun work on upgrades and retiming of the signals along US40 throughout town. These upgrades include improved computer hardware that run the signals and is in anticipation of signal timing reprogramming along the US40 corridor.

The new hardware does result in some alterations of how the signals operate. Motorists may note some variations to the signal timing that they are accustomed to experiencing. CDOT crews are aware and will be working to smooth these differences out as the new hardware is implemented.

Some notable changes that motorists can expect to see is a change in how the Pine Grove/US40 intersection left turn arrow works from eastbound US40 onto Pine Grove Road. There will no longer be a green arrow before and after the red signal on US40.



In June, a new signal timing plan will be programmed into the entire system. As part of the project, there may also be some changes and alterations of the signal arrangements with the most notable changes being additional red left turn arrows, the addition of bicycle detection at select intersections, and enhanced vehicle detection.

US 40/RABBIT EARS PASS

The project started on April 30, 2018, with crews beginning to repairing and resurfacing more than 12 miles of US 40, between Walton Creek Road (mile point 135.3) to the summit of Rabbit Ears Pass (mile point 147.5) as part of a \$6.4 million contract with United Companies. In addition, work replaces a drainage culvert east of the summit (mile point 151.92).



Throughout the project's duration, motorists can anticipate travel impacts likely in two separate work zones, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and until noon on Friday:

- At the east end of Steamboat Springs, east of Walton Creek Road, motorists will encounter some traffic shifts and/or single-lane, alternating traffic for roadway repairs; the **speed is reduced to 35 mph and a width restriction of 10 feet** is in place during work hours.
- On Rabbit Ears Pass, near MP 141, there will be a traffic shift (with a reduction of three lanes down to two) for frost heave (roadway damage) repairs; the **speed will be reduced to 35 mph and the 10-foot width restriction** will be in place during work hours.

Those interested in staying up to date on the US 40 Rabbit Ears Pass project and work schedule can do so by visiting the project web site at (click on the ALERTS icon in the upper right corner, follow the instructions to sign up for “[US 40 Rabbit Ears Pass Repair& Resurfacing](#)” under the Projects list). The public information line is 970.819.6333 and the email is us40rabbitears@gmail.com.

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