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North I-25 Express Lanes: Johnstown to Fort Collins





Project Need

Northern Colorado experiencing explosive growth, offering:

- Thriving economy
- Affordable cost of living
- One-of-a-kind recreational activities
- Award-winning education programs
- Small town feel, yet close to Denver's amenities





Project Need

Influx of new residents expected

- Larimer County—population expected to increase by 52 percent by 2040
- Weld County—population expected to increase by 111 percent by 2040
- CDOT forecasts that this population growth will increase the number of vehicles making daily trips along the I-25 corridor by 60 percent in 2040





Project Funding

- \$300+ million, including:
 - U.S. DOT TIGER grant for \$15 million
 - Widespread community support from northern Colorado totaling more than \$25 million and as much as \$28 million in additional improvement
 - Partnerships and federal grants alleviate funding difficulties including CDOT's reduced relative funding from gas tax, and taxpayer resistance to tax increase





The Solution

CDOT and Northern Colorado unite to jumpstart N I-25 expansion by 14 years







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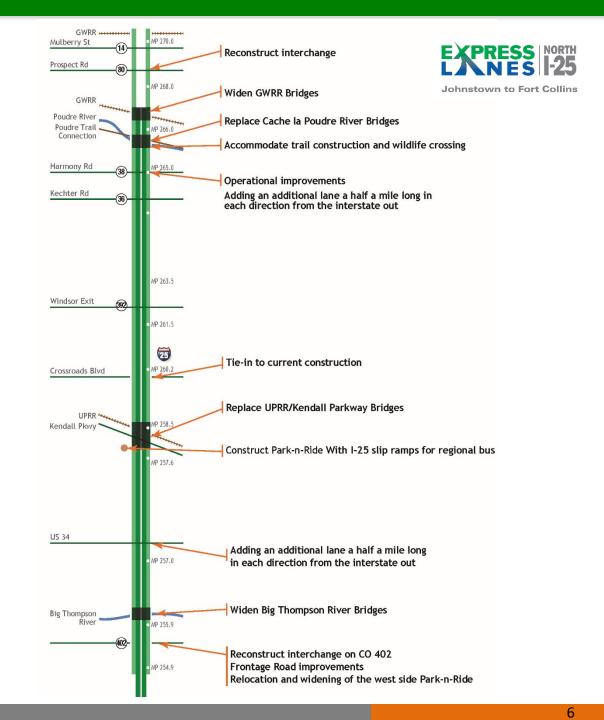
OVERALL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE Rehabilitate or Reconstruct General Purpose Lanes

Add Express Lanes

1) northbound and 1) southbound (widening to the middle)

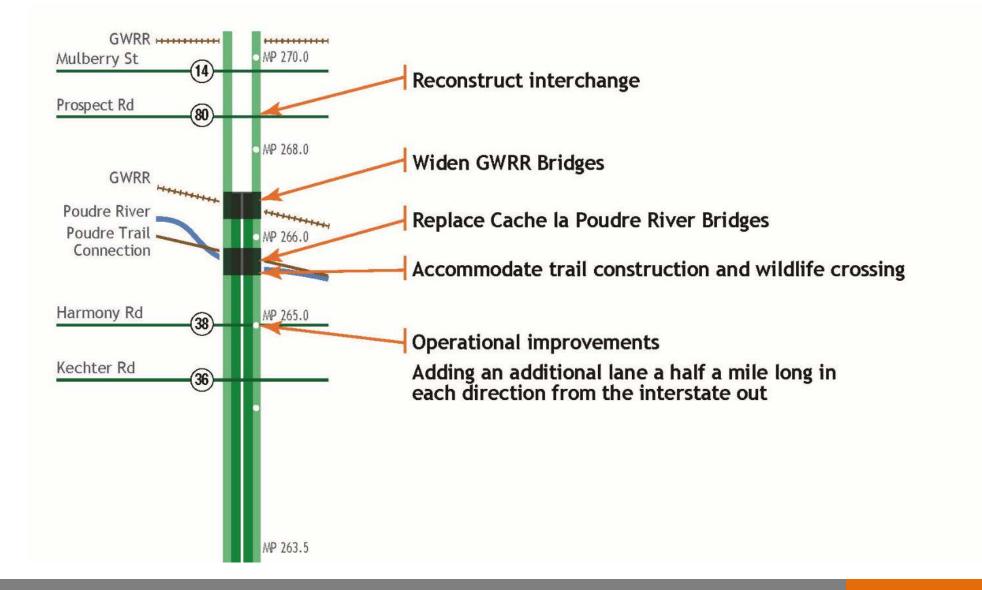
Construction of inside and outside shoulders in both directions





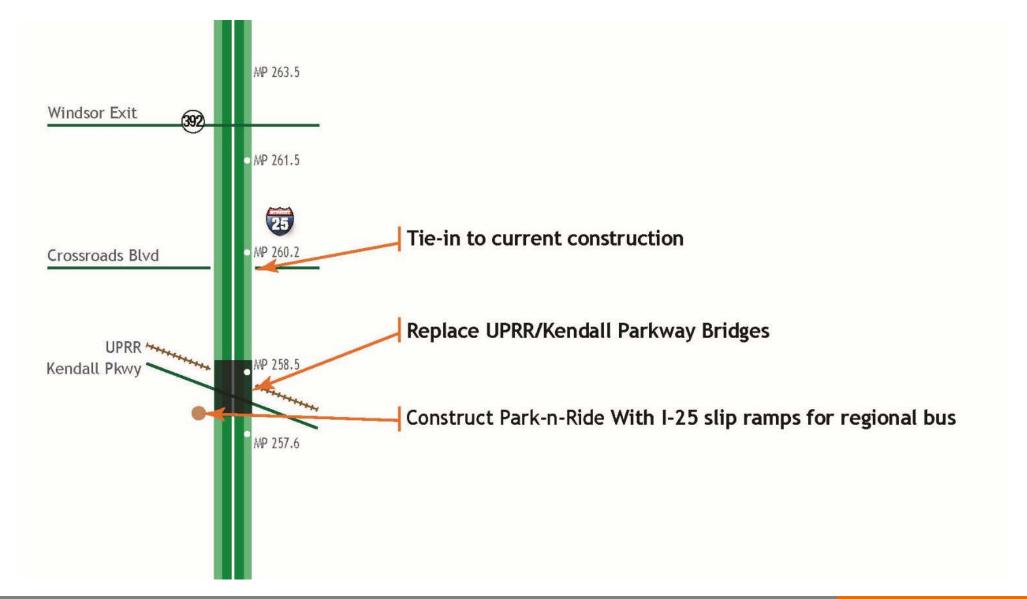






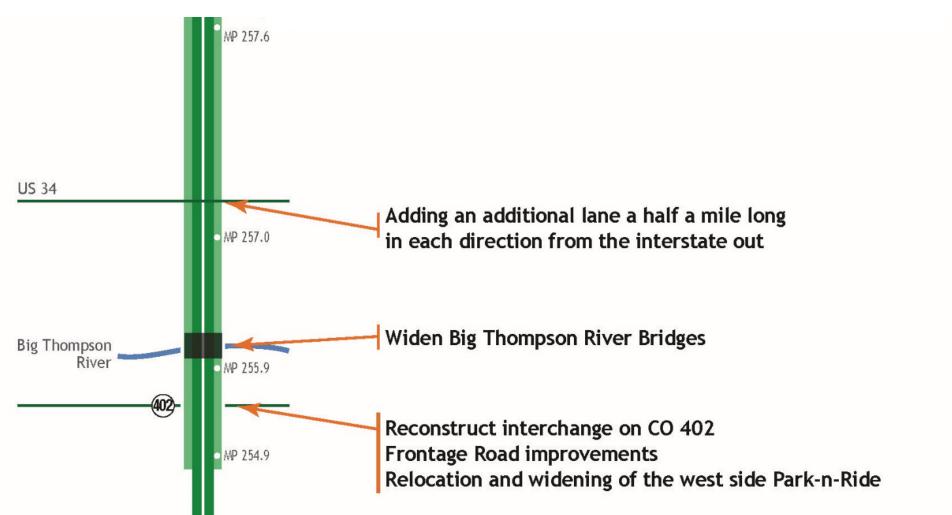
















Benefits of the Project

- Include much-needed safety improvements that will ultimately reduce crashes and fatalities
- Decrease travel time and increase trip reliability
- Reduce emissions and improve freight efficiency
- Employ congestion management and safety technology to improve travel experience
- Reconstruct aging and obsolete infrastructure
- Improve bicycle, pedestrian and transit connectivity
- Economic development improvements will provide better public access to amenities and help businesses transport goods and services







WHY EXPRESS LANES? - CHOICE

- Reduce delay on most seriously congested corridors
- Use toll pricing to manage congestion
- Maintain reliable travel times now and in the future
- Promote transit and carpooling (where viable)
- Always offered along free general purpose lanes



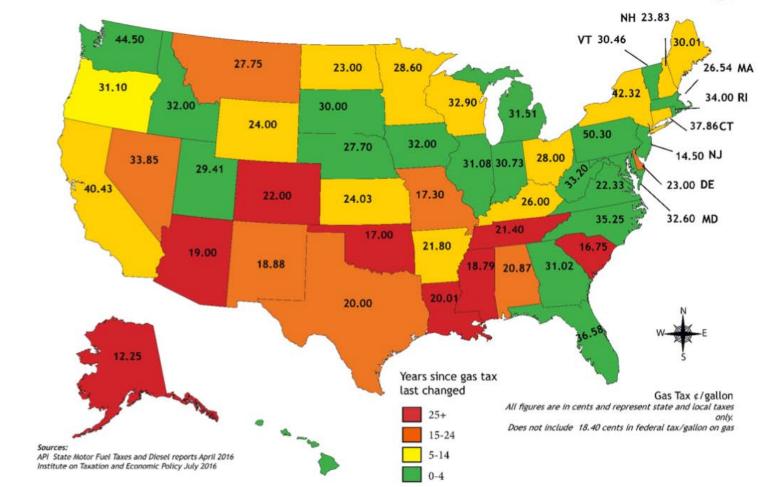


FY 2016-2017 \$1.4 billion budget RESPONSIBILITIES 3.45 **DIVISION OF** TRANSIT MAINTAINS & OPERATES AND RAIL ADMINISTERS FED/STATE EACH YEAR IN FEDERAL **GRANTS AND OPERATES** GRANTS BRIDGES BUSTANG LANE MILES **OF HIGHWAY** MOUN 6.1 MILES PLOWED **OF SNOW PER YEAR OPEN YEAR-ROUND INTERFACE WITH FA**

Source: Colorado Department of Transportation, 2014







CO has 12th Lowest Gas Tax In The Country

Gas tax has not been raised since 1991





Benefits

CDOT Express Lanes Deliver Operational Improvements

- Corridors with CDOT's Express Lanes see benefits from the operational improvements across all lanes
- Benefits include:
 - Reduced travel time
 - Faster and more consistent speeds for all lanes on CDOT's Express Lane corridors (US 36, I-70 and I-25 North Express Lanes)





Sundays Dec. 2014 - March 2015

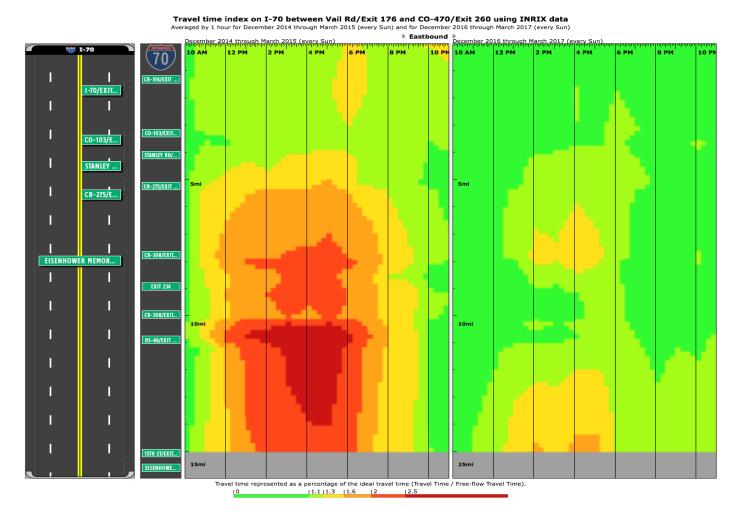
Sundays Dec. 2016 - March 2017

I-70 Mountain Express Lane Results:

Compare 2014 to 2017

Travel Time Index (EB Sundays on I-70 from Vail Road - C-470)

More consistent, faster speeds, clears incidents and 26-52% reduced travel times, can save up to 30 minutes on a commute







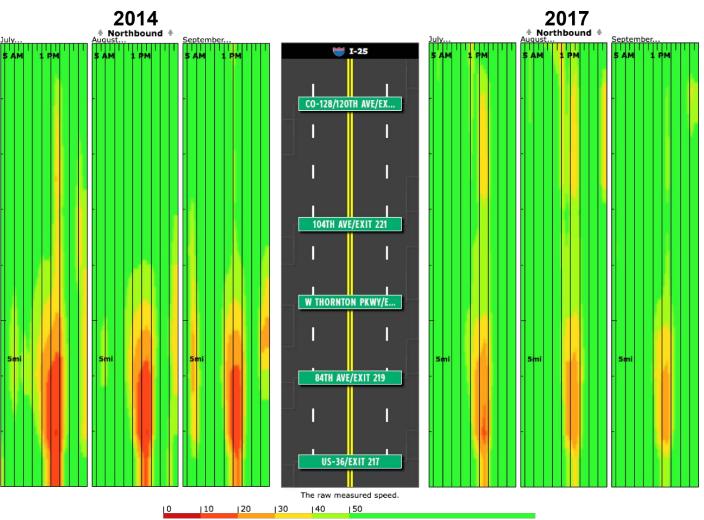
North I-25 Express Lanes Results:

Comparing 2014 to 2017



Averaged by 1 hour for July 2014 (every Tue, Wed and Thu), For August 2014 (every Tues, Wed and Thu), and for September 2014 (every Tue, Wed and Thu)

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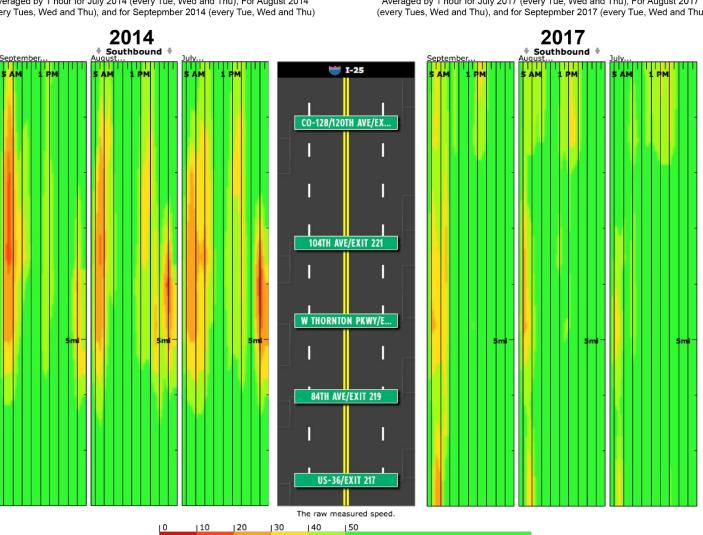






North I-25 Express Lanes Results:

Comparing 2014 to 2017



Southbound Speed on I-25 between US-36/Exit 217 and CO-128/120th Ave/Exit 223 using INRIX data

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Project Timeline

- First Notice to Proceed: Early 2018
- Second Notice to Proceed: Spring/Summer 2018
- Construction Completed/Toll Commencement: Late 2021





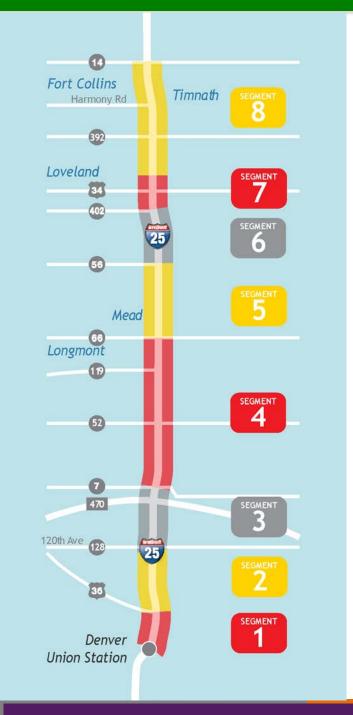
Construction Phasing and Impacts

- During the daytime, two lanes of travel will remain open to ensure travel reliability to motorists
- Motorists can expect lane closures at nighttime, when travel volumes are lower
- Construction at the interchanges, particularly SH 402 and Prospect Road, will result in detours and impacts to the driving public
- Work is scheduled to begin this summer
- Work will is expected to start on US-34, and on I-25 from Crossroads to SH-392
- CLOMRs are currently driving the schedule



What's Next?

- Set in place funding packages
- Next priorities:
 - Segment 5/CO 66 to CO 56
 - Segment 6/C 056 to CO 402









Stay Informed

- Visit the CDOT website project page: <u>https://www.codot.gov/projects/north-i-</u> <u>25/johnstown-to-fort-collins/johnstown-fort-collins</u>
- Address questions or request a presentation from the project team via email northi25expresslanes@gmail.com or phone <u>720-593-1996</u>
- To learn more about Express Lanes, visit <u>www.codot.gov/programs/expresslanes</u>
- To get a Express Lanes pass, visit <u>www.expresstoll.com</u>



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