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Permanent concrete paving on eastbound US 36 at Interlocken

SPRING BRINGS HEAVY CONSTRUCTION TO US 36

As construction moves forward in 2014, motorists can expect to see major changes on their daily commute. The new concrete paving on eastbound US 36 will be complete from 88th Street to Wadsworth Parkway by March 2014. Many of the new ramps will be complete, including the eastbound off-ramp to West Flatiron Crossing, Interlocken Loop off-ramp, and the East Flatiron on-ramp to US 36. Wadsworth Parkway and the new Uptown Avenue bridges are complete with structure crews moving to the Sheridan Boulevard bridge and the US 36 bridge over Lowell Boulevard.

"Motorists traveling the corridor will see significant progress on the project over the next six to nine months," said Jason Estes, Ames Granite Construction Manager. "We have a large portion of roadway to complete by the end of 2014, but by completing drainage, structures, ramps, traffic realignments and portions of concrete pavement, US 36 will change from a driver's perspective in the very near future."

Drivers will see the following activities from now until March:

- Complete concrete pavement between the 88th Street bridge in Louisville/ Superior and Wadsworth Parkway
- Reopen the Sheridan Boulevard on-ramp to eastbound US 36 with new bus loading facility
- Realign eastbound US 36 traffic onto the new bridge over Lowell Boulevard
- Open the new East Flatiron on-ramp to eastbound US 36, and eastbound US 36 off-ramps to West Flatiron, Interlocken Loop and Wadsworth Parkway
- Complete drainage work on the Farmers Canal near Church Ranch Parkway
- Construct remaining portion of Sheridan Boulevard Bridge

ENJOYING THE NEW UPTOWN AVENUE BRIDGE

The Uptown Avenue bridge opened to the public in October 2013, an event that Arista residents awaited with anticipation. With its depleting condition and difficult configuration, the 112th Avenue/Olde Wadsworth structure was often perceived as a “barrier” to those who crossed it. As the first of the old bridges on the project to be torn down and rebuilt, the residents of Arista are delighted by the new configuration, which allows traffic to flow seamlessly over the highway.

“Arista had long-awaited the completion of the new Uptown Avenue bridge,” said Joe Zepeda of Weins Capital Management. “The new alignment is positive for not only the residents but also for businesses and events located at Arista.”



Arista nestles behind the new Uptown Avenue bridge

With the Uptown Avenue bridge complete, crews have focused their efforts on the Sheridan Boulevard bridge.

RTD READY TO ORDER US 36 BRT BUSES

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is getting ready to order 59 buses for its new bus rapid transit (BRT) service between the Table Mesa Park-n-Ride in Boulder and Union Station in downtown Denver. The service is scheduled to begin in 2016.

“To have new branded buses operating on opening day in 2016, they need to be ordered by the end of March,” said Nadine Lee, project manager for US 36 BRT.

RTD staff held BRT vehicle workshops from April through November 2013 with the stakeholder group representing the corridor’s interests to determine which characteristics the BRT buses should have. Additionally, a survey was conducted among US 36 riders to gauge their preferences.

Approximately 86 percent of current passengers surveyed said they preferred riding in a coach-type bus, similar to what is on RTD’s US 36 routes today, and placed the most value on a smooth, quiet ride and space for their belongings. The survey was conducted during the week of Sept. 9, 2013, with a 28 percent response rate and a 2.8 percent margin of error.



Wave of the future: new BRT buses on the horizon

The coach-type buses will be used for the express service as well as the all-stop service.

36 COMMUTING SOLUTIONS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN 2014

2013 was a big year for 36 Commuting Solutions, and they plan to make 2014 even bigger. This year, the organization is planning several advocacy and commuter services to achieve their mission to enhance the mobility of commuters along the US 36 corridor for today and the future. Some of their planned efforts include:

- Working closely with RTD and the US 36 Mayors and Commissioners Coalition (MCC) to implement US 36 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).
- Implementing innovative commute programs and services to educate commuters about the benefits of US 36 BRT, opening in 2016.
- Finalizing placement of Bus Then Bike shelters at the six US 36 corridor RTD Park-n-Rides.
- Traveling to Washington D.C. to advocate for Northwest region transportation infrastructure needs.
- Engaging CEOs of businesses along the corridor in the region’s transportation needs.
- Educating commuters about the US 36 Express Lanes Project.
- Launching new incentive and educational programs designed to encourage solo drivers to utilize active modes of transportation in their daily commute.