WELCOME

Iowa Underpass Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements
at Santa Fe Drive and Acoma Street
April 9, 2019
ABOUT THE PROJECT

The City and County of Denver will provide pedestrians and bicyclists with a safe, comfortable, intuitive connection underneath the railroad tracks heading east toward the South Platte River Trail. The fully funded project will remove the stairs to create an ADA accessible, separated path. This new ADA compliant facility will eliminate the gap along the D18 bike route providing increased safety, clearer wayfinding, and an improved user experience. The project will also include improved crossings at Santa Fe Drive and a new sidewalk offset from Santa Fe Drive, spanning from Jewell Avenue to Florida Avenue.

FUNDING BY:

What does ADA mean?
ADA is the abbreviation for ‘American with Disabilities Act’.
REMOVING THE GAP:
PROVIDING A SAFE CONNECTION FOR ALL

Iowa Avenue Improvements

- Install ADA and AASHTO compliant lighting under bridges
- Wall Modifications and construction to remove stairs
- Install ADA compliant ramp and sidewalk connection
- Incorporate wayfinding to provide direct route to and from South Platte River Trail
IOWA AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

EXISTING

PROPOSED

EXISTING
WALL OPTION
IOWA STREET TRAIL

Iowa Street underpass improvements include removing steps and creating an ADA compliant connection to the South Platte River Trail. Constraints are existing RTD and railroad bridges and abutments which cannot be modified. Construction of a new retaining wall will extend the existing wall to minimize impacts to adjacent properties and improve visibility and safety along the path.
HAND RAIL OPTIONS

**STEEL MESH**
Galvanized or painted steel posts, rails, and wire mesh.

**STEEL PICKETS**
Galvanized or painted steel posts, rails, and steel bar vertical pickets spaced at 4-inch on center.

**STEEL PIPE**
Galvanized or painted steel posts, and rails. Posts will be constructed in similar form to existing Iowa underpass hand rail posts.

Hand rail will be designed and installed to meet applicable American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and a minimum height of 44 inches.
To avoid removing valuable trees on the Overland Golf Course, the trail improvement along Santa Fe Drive will shift location depending on where these trees are located.
SANTA FE ALIGNMENT

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Notice to Proceed

Property Owner Outreach

Data Collection & Environmental Analysis

30% Design

Stakeholder Outreach

Public Meeting

60% Design

2018 February

2018 Completed May

2018 Completed July

2018 Completed November

2019 March

2019 April

2019 May

90% Design

Bid Phase

Construction

2019 Summer

2020 late 2019/2020

2020
TRAFFIC IMPACTS

IOWA AVENUE CROSS SECTION DURING CONSTRUCTION:

With the nearest crossing a half mile away, maintaining non-motorized connectivity at Iowa Avenue during construction is essential.
GET INVOLVED
We want to hear from you!

ONLINE
Visit us online at www.bit.ly/IowaUnderpass to learn more about the program and stay informed.

QUESTIONS?
You can ask questions to people wearing badges around the room. Comment sheets are available on top of tables. You can also submit a comment form online. We want to hear from you!

THANK YOU.