



Washington Park Loop Road Safety Improvements: Six-Month Review

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At the beginning of January 2018, Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR) conducted an internal meeting to review the Washington Park Loop Road Safety Improvements project six months since completion. The meeting included staff from DPR Design + Construction, Operations, and Ranger groups and the team discussed concerns and comments received from the public; observations of compliance and conflicts; and additional adjustments made to the loop road since project completion. The review team had the following general conclusions:

- As a result of comments received from the public and park operations staff, adjustments have been made to flexible bollards and signs to continue to improve understanding of the intended use pattern by park visitors.
- Most park visitors currently understand the lane configuration and comply with the intended use pattern. No observations or reported incidents indicate that lane widths need to change at this time.
- In 2018, staff will conduct a review of all existing signs on the loop road to identify removal of signs that are no longer necessary and any additional sign needs.
- Staff will be implementing a lower speed limit (10mph) at the vehicular egress locations at Exposition Avenue on both the east and west sides of the park.
- Safety improvements on the loop road are an ongoing process that will continue in the coming years – DPR staff will continue to listen to and investigate feedback from the public and make necessary adjustments to the loop road.
- In the Spring of 2018, staff will be patching and sealing the pitted and coarse pavement areas on the loop road, as resources allow. DPR anticipates the loop pavement will need to be fully replaced in 3-5 years.

Denver Parks and Recreation will continue to assess and review the loop road configuration in the 2018 season to ensure that it is working for all modes of travel. As always, staff welcomes observations and constructive feedback from the public on how their visitor experience can be improved. Please email parksandrecreation@denvergov.org or call (720) 913-1311 to provide additional comments on the loop road.

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