8TH AVENUE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION (OVER PLATTE)

PROJECT BACKGROUND

8th Avenue is a critical east-west connector for Villa Park, Sun Valley, Valverde, Barnum, Barnum West, Lincoln Park, and Baker residents and businesses. The 90-year-old bridge connecting these neighborhoods has exceeded its design life and is in critical need of upgrades.

Increased traffic demand and the high number of commercial vehicles has placed additional stress on the bridge infrastructure. Travel lane alignment for eastbound lanes requires vehicles to shift lanes quickly to cross the narrow bridge and navigate short left-turn lanes. The narrow, north sidewalk and the lack of a sidewalk on the south portion of the bridge generates safety concerns for individuals attempting to connect to Platte River Trail or the immediate transit stops.

This project includes the removal and replacement of the existing aging 8th Avenue Bridge over the South Platte River. The replacement structure will include increased lane width to alleviate rapid vehicular lane shifting and added multiuse sidewalks.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: Just west of 8th Avenue and Zuni Street intersection

District: 3

Neighborhood: Sun Valley and Lincoln Park

Elevate Denver Funded Amount: $8.6 million

Designer: David Evans and Associates

Contractor: Ames Construction Inc.

PROJECT BENEFITS

Added multiuse sidewalks

Improved safety and connectivity

Enhanced infrastructure through construction of a new bridge

Increased safety to the public through improved lighting

KEY MILESTONES

BEGIN DESIGN 2018

BEGIN CONSTRUCTION 2021

PROJECT COMPLETION 2022

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