**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

As part of the Elevate Denver Bond Program, which voters approved in 2017 to fund critical improvements to infrastructure, Denver’s Department of Transportation & Infrastructure (DOTI) will replace a 60-year-old bridge on West 14th Avenue between NB/SB Speer Boulevard. DOTI will also make safety improvements for those who walk and bike over the bridge, which will include building new pedestrian ramps, wider sidewalks, and installing a raised bicycle track over the 14th Avenue Bridge. In addition, the traffic signals at the West 14th Avenue and NB/SB Speer Boulevard intersections will also be upgraded.

Construction is anticipated to begin in late September, which will require West 14th Avenue to fully close between NB/SB Speer Boulevard until the project is complete. Message boards will be located in advance of the closures, alerting commuters to expect delays.

In addition, a section of the Cherry Creek Trail that runs underneath the West 14th Avenue bridge will close while work is underway. Detour signage will be in place during construction. (See detour maps attached).

All work is weather dependent and subject to change. **Construction is expected to be complete in spring 2021.** The public’s patience and cooperation during construction are greatly appreciated.

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**WHY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT?**

- Older bridges were built for a 50 year service life. The bridge structure at 14th over Cherry Creek is at least 60 years old. New bridges are designed for a 75-year service life.

- Annual maintenance and repair has become **cost prohibitive** for this structure.

- In addition to the new bridge, DOTI will enhance the area with improved traffic signals, ADA ramps, wider sidewalks, and a raised bicycle cycle track over the bridge.

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**PROJECT CLOSURE EXTENT**

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**For Additional Project Information:** Call 720.663.1895

Additional information for this and other DOTI projects can be found here: [bit.ly/DOTIprojects](bit.ly/DOTIprojects) ➔ Select: “14th Ave Bridge Replacement”
Thru-Vehicles will be detoured around the work zone through:

- Left turn from W 14th Ave to Santa Fe Drive
- Right turn from N Santa Fe Dr to W Colfax Ave
- Right turn from W Colfax Ave to N Delaware St
- Left turn from N Delaware St to W 14th Ave

Local Access will be maintained between Santa Fe Drive and Speer Boulevard.

High-comfort, multimodal access will be provided with a temporary work-zone path for users of the various multimodal paths around Speer Boulevard, delineated by concrete barriers on/at:

- SB Speer Blvd’s left vehicle lane will be temp. closed immediately prior to W 13th and at W 14th Aves
- NB Speer Blvd’s left vehicle lane will be temp. closed from W 13th Ave and immediately after W Colfax Ave

Additionally, pedestrian and ADA detours will be provided by the sidewalk networks on Speer Blvd.