Denver to Begin Installing Underpass Beneath S. Parker Rd. at E. Mississippi Ave. for High Line Canal Trail Users

Denver’s Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, or DOTI, is beginning work on a project that will create a safer, more convenient connection for people who walk and ride bikes on the High Line Canal Trail. Over the next several months, crews will install an underpass beneath S. Parker Road at E. Mississippi Avenue to continuously connect the Highline Canal Trail and allow people walking and riding bikes to have a safer crossing. Currently, people on bikes and on foot cross at street level amid heavy vehicle traffic. The underpass is anticipated to be ready for use in Fall 2021.

This is part of a larger project to provide safer crossings for trail users, aligning with Denver’s Vision Zero Program to create safer streets for all. Over the summer, DOTI also installed underpasses at the intersection of Colorado Boulevard and Hampden Avenue and is continuing work on a new 10-foot wide multi-use trail on the north side of Hampden, which are anticipated to be ready for use in Spring 2021.

When will crews be working?

Work is scheduled to begin in November. Work hours will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drivers should expect lane shifts while work is underway. This winter, three weekend closures are scheduled at the intersection for underpass installation. More information and dates to come as the project progresses.

While work is underway, a section of the High Line Canal Trail that runs adjacent to S. Parker Road at the E. Mississippi Avenue intersection will be closed. Detour signs will be posted to reroute people on bikes to a new two-way bikeway on Valentia Street from E. Mississippi Avenue to Fairmount Drive. Pedestrians will be rerouted to the sidewalk along that stretch of Valentia Street.

The public’s patience and cooperation during construction are greatly appreciated. All work is weather dependent and subject to change.
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