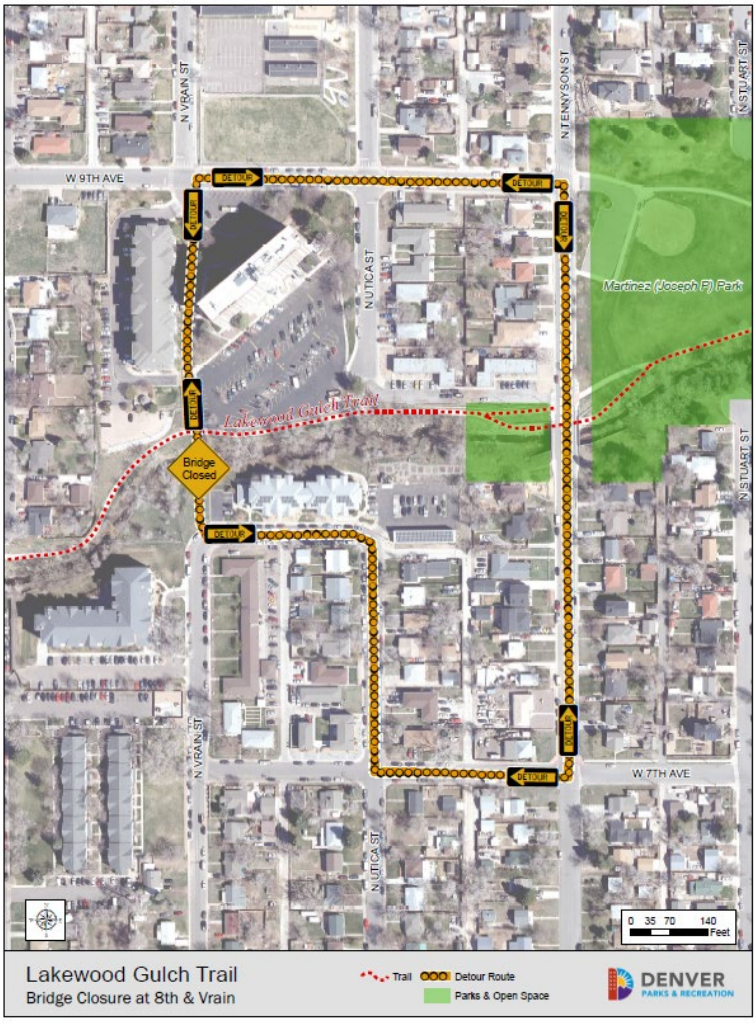
Lakewood Gulch/8th Ave & Vrain St Bridge Closure FAQs

Why is the bridge at 8th Ave. & Vrain St. over Lakewood Gulch closed?
In August 2024, the bridge was found to have critical structural issues which could not be repaired and required a complete replacement of the bridge.

Why wasn't this designed and replaced before it was closed?
Due to budget limitations, funds are typically not immediately available to avoid bridge closures like these. With nearly 200 structures along Denver's trails and parks, more closures may be required as bridges continue to age.

What is the timeline for replacing the bridge over Lakewood Gulch?
With no funding available in the 2024 budget, a timeline to replace the Lakewood Gulch bridge has not been established. Design and construction of a new bridge will be pending future budget allocations.

What is the detour in the meantime?
Trail users will be detoured along W 9th Ave, Tennyson St, and Utica St.