I-70 BIKE PATH & PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE—GENESEE

OVERVIEW
Construction nears completion on the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) project to build a new 2.4-mile concrete, multipurpose trail and a 120-foot long pedestrian bridge on the north side of Interstate 70 (I-70) between Mile Points (MP) 251.4 and 253.8 in Genesee Park. Most of the trail is on land owned by the City and County of Denver, starting just west of the Genesee exit near the Buffalo Herd Overlook. The path has been redesigned to offset conflicts with the Denver Mountain Path access road, and to reduce the impact on the nearby forest.

Currently, cyclists ride on the shoulders of I-70 to get from the Genesee exit to the El Rancho exit. This project will complete the trail that currently extends along I-70, giving bicyclists a safer route to travel through the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

UPDATE
In June a major project milestone was accomplished with the installation of the 120-linear-foot-long pedestrian bridge at Mt. Vernon. The bridge connects the trail as it travels through Genesee Park and also serves as a scenic overlook for pedestrians to appreciate the Genesee Buffalo Herd Overlook without disturbing any of the wildlife. Crews have completed installation of barriers along I-70, including fencing that will protect the bison and buffalo herds by enclosing them in the pasture on the north side of the highway. Electrical work and relocation of light poles have also been completed. Paving of the bike path is currently underway and the completion of the project is expected in August 2016. At that time the trail will be opened for the public to enjoy.

SCHEDULE AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS
Normal working hours are Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shoulder closures may be in place along I-70 to protect crews working along the highway.

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