

The following items related to the North Cheyenne Cañon Bridge Replacement Project are considered to be non-negotiable by the City of Colorado Springs.

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- Three vehicular bridges on North Cheyenne Road in North Cheyenne Cañon Park will be redesigned and reconstructed in order to provide continued community use of the roadway, address public safety, and provide adequate emergency service access to the Park users and neighborhoods surrounding the Park.
- The project will establish guidelines for all six vehicular bridges in the Cañon. The bridges will be designed to:
 - Enhance safety for all North Cheyenne Cañon Park users;
 - Provide appropriate bridge location adjustments where needed;
 - Blend with the character of the Park;
 - Minimize impacts to the natural surroundings during construction and beyond;
 - Accommodate emergency services during construction and beyond; and
 - Meet Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and City standards.
- The bridges will be designed to convey as much water as possible without substantially widening or raising the structures. During major flood events such as a 50 or 100-year storm event, it is expected the Cheyenne Creek will over-top the bridges.
- Relevant elements from the North Cheyenne Cañon Park Master and Management Plan will be incorporated in to the design, including:
 - Aesthetic Design Guidelines;
 - Minimum roadway width of 24-feet across bridges (guardrail to guardrail) and;
 - Accommodation of the new Creekside Trail.
- While operations of the Park are not the purview of the City Public Works Department, it is important to note that there are no plans to initiate a shuttle system in North Cheyenne Cañon Park. If at any point in the future safety conditions require significant traffic reduction measures, there will be an open public process to consider such measures.
- The State of Colorado is partially funding this bridge project. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is administering the state funds and is providing oversight of the project. The US Army Corps of Engineers will issue a permit for the project through the 404(b)(1) process.
- The City is committed to maintaining the historic context of North Cheyenne Cañon Park as part of the replacement of the existing roadway bridges. In addition, CDOT, the US Army Corp of Engineers, and State Historic Preservation Officer will oversee and consult with the City on historic and cultural resource identification and impacts, and will approve any mitigation measures. Historic and cultural consultations and clearances will address the six vehicular bridges in the Cañon.
- The recommended design and construction plan for the bridges will be reviewed and approved by CDOT and by appropriate City departments.