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CIRCLE DRIVE BRIDGES REPLACEMENT PROJECT



SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 25

City Addresses Aging Circle Drive Bridges Initiates Planning and Design for Bridge Replacement

You are Invited to an Open House

Please join us to learn more about the project and the timeline, ask questions and provide comments. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, April 25, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Presentation at 6 p.m.

Solid Rock Christian Life Center | 2520 Arlington Drive | Colorado Springs, 80910

For ADA accommodations, call 48 hours in advance of the meeting: 719/488-5908.

Project Overview

About the Bridges

The eastbound and westbound lanes of Circle Drive are carried on a total of four bridges consisting of two sets of twin structures. At more than 800' long in total and 60' above Fountain Creek the structures carry two lanes of traffic in both directions. They span over Fountain Creek, the BNSF railroad, the FMIC (Irrigation), Las Vegas Street, Hancock Expressway and the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail.

Project Background

The Circle Drive Bridges were originally built in 1963. Over the past several years, the City has used available funding toward rehabilitation to keep these bridges in service.

After several in-depth analyses, an evaluation of initial capital and a review of overall life-cycle costs, the City has determined that replacing the bridges is the best solution. Given the extensive degradation of the existing structures, the rehabilitation option would be more expensive while not fully providing for the desired structural capacity. Based on current condition and as the bridges have exceeded their 50-year service life, a design process for a complete replacement of the bridges is now underway by the City.

Student Ambassador Program

Harrison High School Ambassadors Gain Valuable Engineering and Public Engagement Experience

Through the Circle Drive Bridges Student Ambassador Program, we are working with Harrison High School to inform the public and obtain input that will result in a better overall project reflective of the needs and desires of the community. The student ambassadors are educating the community about the project and gathering feedback while being introduced to the planning and design process.

The student ambassadors were selected to be part of this program due to their interest in road construction, engineering and public communications. They spent an entire day touring the project and visiting with the project engineers to learn about the project. More than 15 students are participating in this program, several of whom will present project information to City Council during its 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 23 regular session.

"It is truly exciting in seeing our youth ambassadors fully engaged in the Circle Drive Bridges Replacement project. These young students have gone out into the community and have returned with relevant input. Imagine the lasting impact that this project will have, not only on the ambassadors, but on future generations. I am immensely grateful to the entire project team!" --Yolanda L. Avila, City Councilmember District 4, City of Colorado Springs



Circle Drive Bridge - Close Up



Circle Drive Bridge - Distance

Anticipated Project Schedule

- Preliminary Design: through early 2020
- Final Design: Early 2020 – Early 2021
- Construction - TBD

Project Team

- City of Colorado Springs Project Manager Ryan Phipps, RPhipps@springsgov.com
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[Visit the Project Website](#)



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