FILLMORE STREET BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAIL CONNECTIONS - I-25 TO MONUMENT CREEK PROJECT



The Fillmore Street Bridge Improvements and Trail Connections - I-25 to Monument Creek Project (Fillmore Bridge Project) is evaluating the deteriorating bridges on Fillmore Street over Monument Creek, the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail, and the Union Pacific Railroad. The project seeks to improve vehicular congestion and multimodal safety along Fillmore Street, as well as provide trail connection(s) to the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail.



SCHEDULE



This project is currently in Phase I: Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study, the initial planning phase. This phase will identify potential environmental, community, and transportation impacts, as well as highlighting the benefits of replacing the two bridges.

Subject to additional funding, the project would move into Phase II: Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Review in Fall 2025.

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EXISTING CONDITIONS -

The Fillmore Street bridges over Monument Creek, Pikes Peak Greenway, and the railroad were built in the 1960s and are nearing the end of their service lives. Both bridges are deteriorating, which makes their replacement a priority. Issues include bearing rotations, cracking of the deck, substandard bridge railing, vertical clearance needs, and corrosion (rust) on the bridges' structures.

These bridges remain safe for the traveling public. The City regularly monitors all infrastructure and conducts routine inspections of the Fillmore Bridges, as well as all bridges across the City.



FUNDING

The City of Colorado Springs has increased funding of its bridge maintenance program and is undertaking larger rehabilitation projects to extend the service life of its bridges. When replacement needs are identified, as in this case, the City seeks funding through grants like the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The City also uses Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) funds, which are voter approved. Because of these multiple funding streams, the bridge maintenance program can react more quickly when immediate needs are identified.

The Fillmore Bridge Project is funded through the FHWA BIP and PPRTA. This project was identified as a PPRTA A-list project.

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