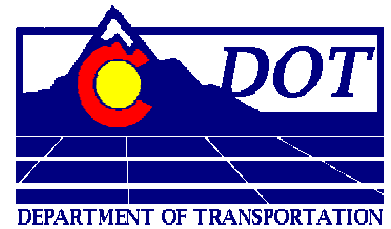


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## **CDOT, CITY OF STEAMBOAT BEGIN HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH DOWNTOWN**

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS – On Wednesday, September 23, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the City of Steamboat Springs begin improvements to US 40 through the downtown area. The two-season project will have a winter suspension between November and late March (weather dependent) 2010, with an anticipated completion date of June 30, 2010.

The project consists of reconstruction of US 40 through Downtown Steamboat Springs from 13<sup>th</sup> Street (MP 131.89) to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (MP 132.76). The existing asphalt roadway will be removed and replaced with longer-lasting (and low-maintenance) concrete pavement. The project also involves upgrades to the existing drainage system (culverts, inlets, curb and gutter), including installation of conduits for future utilities and the City's installation of a concrete box culvert at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and US 40.

Work will also include improving the safety of crosswalks with the addition of new bulb-outs at the busiest intersections for pedestrians, ADA\*-compliant ramps and colored concrete crosswalks. Additionally, the project will include many traffic signal upgrades, such as installing a traffic signal at the 11<sup>th</sup> Street intersection, adding a left-turn arrow for westbound traffic at 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and adding a left-turn arrow for eastbound traffic at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. (*\*Americans with Disabilities Act*).

The work was awarded to Scott Contracting of Denver for \$5.64 million. The City of Steamboat Springs is contributing \$1.6 million towards the project to make the drainage and pedestrian safety improvements.

**TRAFFIC IMPACTS:** The project will begin with drainage and utilities work, starting at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and working towards 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. If weather allows, concrete work could then begin between 13<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> streets, as well as at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Construction will be suspended for winter when weather dictates and will resume in the spring with the reconstruction from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. There will be no parallel parking on either side of US 40 in the construction zones, and traffic may be reduced to a single lane in each direction, Monday through Friday, from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. Bus stops within the construction zone will be moved to new temporary locations. These new locations will be posted and Steamboat Springs Transit will have up to date information on these changes when they occur.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** For updated project or schedule information, or to ask questions, the public may call the project information line at (970) 819-7008 or log on to the project web page at <http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/us40steamboat> (which will begin to describe changing traffic impacts as information becomes available). For information on other CDOT projects, the public may call CDOT's traveler information line at 511.

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