



## Construction Update

### *City & Other Agencies Undertaking Vital Infrastructure Enhancements*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 31, 2021**-Various projects across the city are moving through different phases as work focuses on improvements and infrastructure enhancements. The following provides a brief update on city and non-city projects. All projects are weather dependent.

#### **Mt. Werner/Steamboat Blvd Roundabout** City of Steamboat Springs

Crews continue to prepare the roadway for paving on the north side by focusing on concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk, and transit stop installation. The majority of the underground work on the north side is now complete, except for the installation of several large headwalls to the north of Old Mt. Werner Road. In preparation for paving, crews will continue to conduct surface grading and flat work across the site over the next week.

Paving on the north side of the roadway is currently scheduled for September 7-10, conditions permitting. During paving, Montview Lane will be closed for approximately one day, with access to the Montview Subdivision available via Old Mt. Werner Road. Crews are targeting September 13 to shift traffic from the south side to the north side of the roundabout. At that time, Old Mt. Werner Road will reopen between Steamboat Boulevard and Montview Lane.



This is an active construction site and motorists are asked to proceed **SLOWLY** through the work zone. The **15-mph speed limit** is being enforced by the police. Pedestrian and bicycle access is provided through a defined path with a crossing guard at designated locations.

Project construction efforts will continue in full force through late October to early November. Work runs from 7am to 7pm, Monday through Friday. The project team hosts bi-weekly virtual meetings and the meeting schedule, project updates and photos can be found at [engagesteamboat.net/roundabout](https://engagesteamboat.net/roundabout)

Several projects are underway or in design/contractor phase across Howelsen Hill and the park system, including, the new chairlift, ice complex expansion, Snake Island Bridge and Yampa River Restoration behind the Flour Mill.

**Howelsen Hill Chairlift:** Crews have been busy throughout the summer installing the foundation footprint for the new SkyTrac triple chairlift across the historic Howelsen Hill Ski Area. Lift manufacturer, SkyTrac, is working on foundations for the five lift towers which requires installing micro-piles to each tower base. In addition, foundation and concrete work continues both on the lower and upper terminals and the new lift line has been cleared.

Joining SkyTrac on the hill was GeoStabilization International, a slope stabilization contractor. Crews have finished installing soil anchors above lift towers 3, 4, 6 & 7 on the hill. In addition, micro-piles up to 40-foot deep have been complete. These will be connected directly to the lift towers foundations to increase stabilization.

The concrete foundations for lift towers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are now complete and crews are on track to finish the foundations for tower 2 and the lift shacks this week. Electrical contractors are also onsite and working with SkyTrac to install all of the necessary electrical elements to power the new lift.



As work on the new lift moves into September, the community can expect to see lift towers and load and return steel installation begin in mid-September.

The city has contracted with Sloop Painting for the refurbishment project on the **Snake Island Bridges**. Work on the bridges is progressing with crews finishing work on bridge #1 last week. The decking has been removed from bridge #2 near Dr. Rich Weiss Park, and crews are in the process of sanding and prepping the bridge for painting and the installation of new decking. All debris is being captured so it doesn't fall into the river.



Detours for both bridges will remain in place through mid-September. A detour has been set up so that Core Trail users can bypass the closed area. The project is anticipated to run for eight weeks, reopening by Friday, Sept. 24, but could open earlier if weather conditions cooperate and progress continues ahead of schedule.

The **Yampa River Restoration Project** is targeted to start around September 15 under the direction of Diggin' It!, a small excavation company specializing in habitat restoration. The restoration project, located behind the Flour Mill, will improve river access, aquatic habitat, bank stabilization and

recreational opportunities. The restoration project is anticipated to last approximately 3-4 weeks and will include detours on the Yampa River Core Trail.

With the arrival of **Howelsen Hill Tubing** this season, the project team has removed the outfield fence on Adams Field and replaced it with panels which can be removed in the winter. A carpet surface lift will service the new tubing hill, but additional surveying is needed around the sulfur cave prior to moving forward with installation and electrical work.

### Rodeo Grounds Paving Project City of Steamboat Springs

Crews continue to rough grade the Rodeo Grounds parking lot and are on schedule to finishing grading and underground utilities by mid-September. Contractors will be advancing with curb and gutter work within the parking lot this week. Paving is anticipated to begin at the end of September or early October.

Work is still on target for a substantial completion in early October, followed by landscaping and clean-up. The Steamboat Springs Pro Rodeo Series has completed their summer season and has one remaining event, the Bull Bash, over Labor Day weekend.

### US40 Sidewalk Project City of Steamboat Springs

The project team is finalizing storm sewers on the hill side and water replacement on the river side of US40. Shoulder closures should be expected on both sides of the highway as well as a lane shift on the west bound lane to aid in creating a safe workspace during installation of a culvert and inlet. The westbound bike lanes may also be closed during certain work times and will be noted with signage.

Crews are conducting embankment work which involves moving dirt from the north side of the highway to the south side. Dump trucks moving the material are turning around in the Transit Center parking lot and use Curve Court and Shield Dr.

Sidewalk installation is targeted for mid-September. During the sidewalk installation, there may be a need to reduce the town-bound lanes from two to one, to provide additional room for crews and equipment along the roadway. If lane closures are needed, additional details will be communicated in the coming weeks.

### Other Agency Projects



### US40 Chip Seal *Colorado Department of Transportation*

Crews finished chipping and seal coating the roadway surface last week. The process of striping and painting other street markings began on August 29. This work will continue to take place at night and should have limited impacts to motorists during that time.

Chip and seal coating provides a benefit by extending the serviceable life of an existing road. The \$2.1M project started in June at the top of the west summit of Rabbit Ears Pass, working its way 14 miles down to the valley floor to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in downtown Steamboat Springs.

Those interested in staying up to date on the US 40 Chip Seal project and work schedule can do so by visiting the project web site at [codot.gov/projects/us40-steamboat-chipseal](http://codot.gov/projects/us40-steamboat-chipseal). The public information line is 970.274.7320 and the email is [us40chipsealsteamboat@gmail.com](mailto:us40chipsealsteamboat@gmail.com).

### **Mt. Werner Water Sewer Interceptor**

*Mt Werner Water & Sanitation District*

Mt. Werner Water & Sanitation District (MWWSD) Sewer Interceptor Project will be shifting its work zone starting Tuesday, August 31. This new segment will see work occurring along Mt. Werner Road and the US40 underpass.

As crews work along Mt. Werner Road and the US40 underpass, a one-lane closure with traffic control allowing alternating traffic will be set up. Motorists may use Pine Grove Road and Walton Creek Road as alternate routes to avoid the construction zone. Motorists should expect minor delays along Mt. Werner Road and the US40 on/off ramps.



Since the only sidewalk along Mt. Werner Road, under the US 40 underpass, travels through the construction zone, pedestrians and bicyclists will need to detour around the construction zone using Mt. Werner Road to Pine Grove Road to Walton Creek Road to the Core Trail.

Closures are anticipated to run through the end of October.

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