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## **Westbound I-70 traffic shift near Rifle planned tomorrow**

**GARFIELD COUNTY** - Starting on Wednesday, traffic on westbound Interstate 70 will shift across the median to run adjacent to eastbound traffic. A temporary concrete barrier wall will separate eastbound and westbound I-70. This configuration will be in place 24 hours a day, seven days a week through October.

Since early April, both directions of I-70 have been reduced to a single-lane configuration. Work on the westbound I-70 bridge over the Colorado River requires lane reductions through October. Median crossover construction is complete and the westbound lane can now shift onto the eastbound bridge. By removing all traffic from the westbound structure, the contractor can expedite bridge rehabilitation. A posted speed limit reduction to 45 mph will be strictly enforced. Fines are double in the work zone.

Project completion is anticipated in October 2018. All work is weather-dependent and the schedule is subject to change. Visit the project website for the latest schedule information.

### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The Colorado Department of Transportation and Hamilton Construction Company will rehabilitate the westbound I-70 bridge over the Colorado River. The bridge needs extensive structural steel and concrete deck repairs. Concrete bridge approaches and railings will also be replaced. The total construction cost is approximately \$3.1 million and the project is funded by FASTER. The Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery Act of 2009 (FASTER) allows the State of Colorado to improve roadway safety, repair deteriorating bridges, and support transit.

Additional project information is available by calling the project hotline at 970-440-0996, sending an email to [pr@workzone.info](mailto:pr@workzone.info) or visiting the website at

<https://www.codot.gov/projects/i-70-bridge-rehabilitation-over-the-colorado-river-near-rifle>.

For real-time information regarding traffic impacts on any state highway, motorists can sign up for CDOT email and text alerts by visiting [www.codot.gov](http://www.codot.gov) and clicking on the small envelope icon at the bottom right of the page. Updates are also available via Twitter @coloradodot and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/coloradodot](http://www.facebook.com/coloradodot)).

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