

Circle Drive Bridges

The Circle Drive Bridges were originally built in 1963. The eastbound and westbound lanes of Circle Drive are carried on a total of four bridges consisting of two sets of twin structures. The overall bridge width for both structures is 82 feet and carries two lanes of traffic in both directions. They span over Fountain Creek, the BNSF railroad, the FMIC (Irrigation), Las Vegas Street, Hancock Expressway, and Pikes Peak Greenway Trail.



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PHASE 1: REHAB OR REBUILD?

The project team first conducted an investigation of the existing condition of the bridges to determine whether they should be rehabilitated or replaced with new structures. For both options investigated, a life-cycle cost analysis was performed to create a base line for comparison and an outline of the expected life of each alternative was also assessed.



PHASE 2: DESIGN

After extensive analysis in Phase 1, the project team decided to move forward with the replacement of the bridges. The team is now working to develop a cost-effective design to facilitate a successful replacement of the bridges.



PHASE 3: CONSTRUCTION

Construction of the selected alternative will take approximate two years. During this time, the public may experience traffic impacts, such as detours, lane shifts and minimized speeds, and will be notified in advance.

Student Ambassador Program

Through the Circle Drive Bridges Student Ambassadors Program, the City of Colorado Springs and its consultant, HDR, is working with Harrison High School to inform and train students as project ambassadors in their community. They are educating and gathering feedback from the community while being introduced to the planning and design process. The feedback obtained from the program will inform the development of the Circle Drive Bridges plan to better reflect the opinions and preferences of a broader population.

TIMELINE

