

S. CASCADE AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT FACT SHEET



// INTRODUCTION

The South Cascade Avenue over Cheyenne Creek Bridge is located south of downtown Colorado Springs in the historic Ivywild area adjacent to the Ivywild School multi-use commercial and community center. It is one of the city's oldest working-class neighborhoods. The project is also adjacent to the South Nevada Economic Opportunity Zone where additional redevelopment is underway as part of South Nevada Urban Renewal. Originally constructed in 1925, the bridge over Cheyenne Creek has exceeded its design life and is functionally obsolete. The City of Colorado Springs is replacing the bridge with a similar structure (concrete arch) that will be wide enough to accommodate the current functional needs and provide a crossing of Cheyenne Creek for the next 100 years.



Located just north of the new South Tejon Roundabout in the Ivywild neighborhood, the South Cascade Avenue Bridge Over Cheyenne Creek was originally constructed in 1925. It is being replaced to accommodate the current functional needs and provide a crossing of Cheyenne Creek for the next 100 years.

// PROJECT OVERVIEW

Although not structurally deficient, the bridge does not functionally convey motorized or non-motorized traffic safely. The roadway and bridge are not wide enough to accommodate the types of vehicles and traffic it's expected to carry with today's criteria. The bridge will be replaced and widened to support additional motorized and non-motorized traffic.

As part of the project, South Cascade Avenue will convert to one-way southbound. The one-way reconfiguration will be from Brookside Street to the Tejon Street Roundabout. During construction, northbound traffic on South Cascade between the roundabout and the bridge over Cheyenne Run will be accommodated. When the current bridge is demolished, access to the few properties in that area will only be from the south. At the completion of the project, Cascade Avenue will be one way southbound from Brookside Street to the roundabout.

// PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Construction starts: Late Fall 2019
- Anticipated completion: Spring/Summer 2020 (weather dependent). (As of June 2019).

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// PROJECT BENEFITS

- Wider bridge to accommodate additional motorized and non-motorized traffic in the area
- Additional on street parking along South Cascade Avenue to help move parking out of the neighborhood residential streets
- Connected and continuous sidewalks for pedestrian safety
- Reduce maintenance costs
- Supports the City of Colorado Springs Comprehensive Plan (PlanCOS)
- Stimulate economic vitality within nearby Urban Renewal Areas and Neighborhood Strategy Area
- Supports City Strategic Plan Goals: promoting job creation, investing in infrastructure, and building community & collaborative relationships

// THE PROJECT INCLUDES

- Demolish and remove the nearly 95-year-old functionally obsolete bridge structure
- Construct a new, wider bridge to accommodate vehicular traffic, on street parking and sidewalks
- Widening Cascade Avenue bridge approach
- Improved drainage
- Accommodations for pedestrians
- Additional diagonal parking along South Cascade Avenue
- During construction, the roundabout work will be phased to allow both northbound and southbound access to the properties on South Cascade Avenue between Cheyenne Boulevard and the bridge replacement project

// PROJECT FUNDING

City General Fund