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CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY Week of November 8, 2021

30th Street closed between Gateway and Mesa Roads through Spring 2022

30th Street is now closed (in both directions) between Gateway and Mesa Roads through Spring 2022. Access to Garden of the Gods Park, including the Visitor & Nature Center, will be maintained through the duration of the project. The detour route for the partial 30th Street closure directs traffic to use Centennial Boulevard and Fillmore Street to enter Garden of the Gods Park from 30th Street south of Gateway Road. Mesa Road will remain open for local access only. [CLICK HERE for Detour Route](#)

Construction Activities planned this week

- Excavate water quality pond site west of 30th Street near Chambers Way
- Construct the temporary entrance to Garden of the Gods Park at Gateway Road, which will provide vehicle access to the park from the south while the new entry roundabout is built
- Remove signs, guardrail and asphalt between Gateway and Mesa Roads

Aside from the full road closure, no additional lane closures are anticipated within the work zone at this time. General work hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Occasional extended work hours or weekend work may be allowed for specific necessary construction activities.

Stay safe! Follow Foothills Trail detour

A temporary detour for a portion of the Foothills Trail is provided between Chambers Way and Gateway Road. The trail detour, located along the west side of the Garden of the Gods Park overflow parking lot, is necessary through spring 2022 during water quality pond and roundabout construction.

For your safety and that of the construction workers, please use the marked trail detour.



"Trail Closed" and detour directional sign south of Gateway Road



Work area on east side of overflow parking lot and through Foothills Trail

Emergency response coordination to continue through construction

Before construction began, the project team met with emergency responders, including representatives from the City of Colorado Springs Police and Fire Departments, Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management, and Colorado State Patrol to discuss project phasing, road closures and emergency response during construction. Procedures are in place for a coordinated response to incidents that may occur within the work zone and surrounding area.

Emergency response benefits of the project:

- Mobility improvements to one of five designated wildfire evacuation routes for northwest Colorado Springs
- Create space for emergency vehicles to safely pass other vehicles
- Wide shoulders allow drivers to pull over more easily in the event of a minor roadside emergency

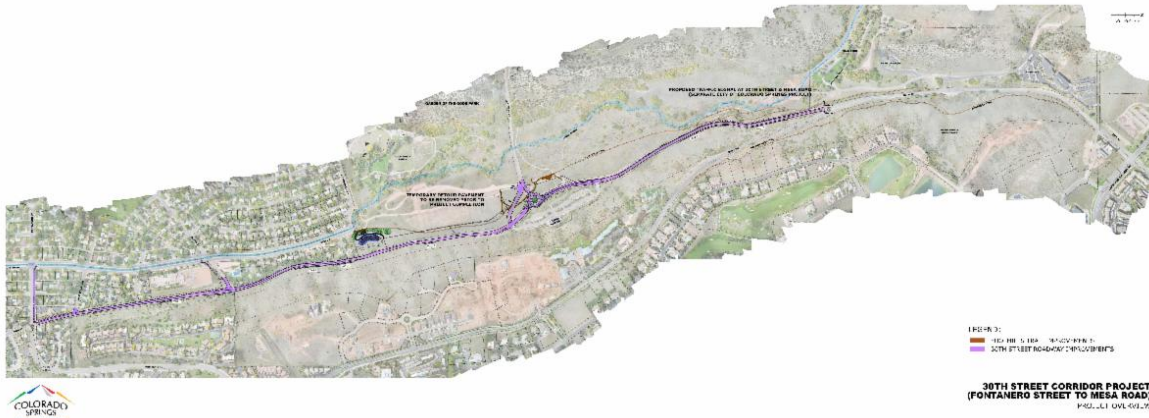
Project Background

The City of Colorado Springs is implementing improvements to the 30th Street Corridor between Fontanero Street and Mesa Road. The project will improve safety and mobility for travelers, bicyclists, and pedestrians; improve water quality; stabilize hillside slopes; and create an effective emergency evacuation corridor for northwest Colorado Springs. This project was awarded to improve corridor emergency response needs, recognized during evacuation from the Waldo Canyon Fire. The project will also improve: safety of bicyclists riding in mixed traffic on 30th Street; Garden of the Gods Park entrance congestion, and untreated roadway runoff that flows into the Park and adjacent neighborhoods.

The addition of multi-use shoulders to 30th Street between Fontanero Street and Mesa Road will widen the road, creating space for emergency vehicles and evacuation, and provide a safe space for bicyclists to ride. The new roundabout at Gateway Road will reduce congestion and improve safety for corridor travelers and park visitors, and will create a "sense of arrival" for the

park entrance. In addition, there will be a new pedestrian underpass for Foothills Trail at Gateway Road. Stormwater improvements will include roadside new curb, gutter, storm sewer, and water quality treatment.

These corridor improvements have been developed over a four-year period (2017 – 2021), with continuous community and agency involvement in exploring alternatives, developing design concepts, and evaluating environmental impacts. The City received environmental clearances for the project from Colorado Department of Transportation and Federal Highways Administration.



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30th Street Corridor Project Schedule

- Contractor Selected (Wildcat Construction): August 2021
- Construction Began: October 22, 2021
- Construction Completion: 2023 (Estimated time to construct: 18-24 months) Weather dependent

Funding

- Design funded by City Public Works capital funds
- Construction funded by Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

For more information on the project: [ColoradoSprings.gov/30thStreet](https://coloradosprings.gov/30thStreet)

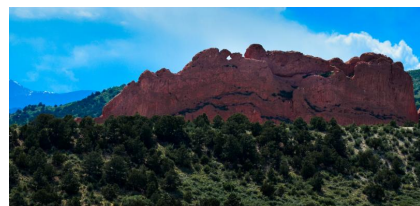
Sign up to receive project updates and notices of the public meetings, send an email to: 30thStImprovements@gmail.com requesting to be added to the project database.

How to stay informed.

Website: [ColoradoSprings.gov/30thStreet](https://coloradosprings.gov/30thStreet)

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