

US Highway 85

Highlands Ranch Parkway to Dad Clark Gulch Widening



The US Highway 85 widening and reconstruction project will improve safety, mobility and traffic operations from Highlands Ranch Parkway extending north of the C-470 Interchange to Dad Clark Gulch (about a quarter mile north of County Line Road).

This 2.5-mile segment of US 85 sits in both Douglas and Arapahoe Counties, and the multimodal transportation enhancements will prove beneficial to the residents of Highlands Ranch, Centennial, Littleton, and numerous other constituents who reside in unincorporated Douglas County and nearby Jefferson County and utilize the C-470 and/or the US 85 corridors. Prior to construction, there were no existing bicycle or pedestrian facilities along this segment of US 85.

The addition of two major bike/ped grade-separated crossings at two major regional recreational trails — the High Line Canal Trail and C-470 Trail — improves non-motorized access with Chatfield State Park and destinations farther to the west. The continuous flow interchange concept at US 85 and C-470 eliminates the need for a flyover ramp, providing long-term operational and safety benefits and saving Douglas County \$30 million in future bridge construction costs.

The safety and operational improvements will help reduce accidents while accommodating future growth in jobs and housing along this major freight, commuter and national defense system highway.

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