



Colorado Avenue is the heart of downtown Telluride, serving residents, businesses, visitors, and year-round community events. Many of the existing pedestrian ramps along this historic corridor no longer met current accessibility standards, creating challenges for individuals with disabilities, families, seniors, and visitors navigating the downtown business district.

The Town of Telluride partnered with KLJ Engineering (KLJ) to transform accessibility along Colorado Avenue through the design of 20 upgraded pedestrian ramps between Aspen Street and Alder Street. The project required balancing modern ADA requirements with the unique challenges of a historic mountain community, including steep grades, limited right-of-way, aging infrastructure, active businesses, and high pedestrian volumes.

KLJ provided project management, survey, and design engineering services, including detailed field surveys, grading analysis, utility evaluations, construction plans, specifications, and bid-ready documents. The design incorporated improved Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) ramp standards while minimizing impacts to downtown operations and preserving the character of one of Colorado's most iconic main streets. Recommendations were also developed to address existing utility structures and infrastructure conflicts affecting future construction.

The result is a roadmap for creating a safer, more inclusive, and more accessible downtown experience for all users. By removing mobility barriers and improving pedestrian connectivity, the Colorado Avenue Ramp Replacement project supports Telluride's long-term vision for a vibrant, welcoming, and accessible community.

COLORADO AVENUE RAMP REPLACEMENT

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The intersection of Colorado Avenue and Fir Street featured aging pedestrian curb ramps that no longer met current accessibility standards.



Construction crews reconstruct parts of side streets to improve drainage and new ramp grades.



Colorado Avenue in downtown Telluride was upgraded with 20 bump-out pedestrian ramps.



New ramps, lighting, and crossing upgrades improve safety and accessibility while fitting the historic downtown setting.