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US 6 between Rifle and New Castle to receive “Whole System-Whole Safety” chip seal treatment beginning July 1

GARFIELD COUNTY - The Colorado Department of Transportation’s “[Whole System-Whole Safety](#)” program announces US Highway 6 chip seal roadwork is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 1. This project will primarily include a chip seal surface treatment between mile point 108.3 in New Castle (just east of City Market) and MP 95 just east of Rifle (Antlers). Crews will also restripe portions of US 6 within the project limits.

Crews will begin the project with striping removals then chip seal application in New Castle and work towards Rifle, starting with in-town areas. Then crews will apply the fog seal, starting again in New Castle and working toward Rifle.

Anticipated Timeline: July 1-August 2, 2019

- July 1-12: Striping removal and temporary tab markers applied
- July 4-7: No work in observance of Independence Day
- July 15: Chip seal begins in New Castle
- Mid-late July: Fog seal application
- Late-July/August: Striping

TRAVEL AND PARKING IMPACTS

During construction motorists should anticipate stretches of lane closures, traffic shifts and reduced speeds. In some areas, pilot cars will be used to pace traffic with work. Bicyclists riding on US 6 outside of town limits should follow traffic within the work zone. Work hours are weekdays, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Delays are anticipated. Work is weather dependent. Remember, go slow for the cone zone.

In Silt and New Castle, there will be periodic temporary closures of street parking to allow for construction activities. To sign up for traffic and construction updates, please contact public information via email, hwy6chipseal@gmail.com, or phone, 970-340-4333.

As part of CDOT’s “Whole System-Whole Safety” initiative, which is aimed at enhancing safety for Colorado’s traveling public, the chip seal surface treatment will help repair small fractures in the asphalt, improving the driving surface. The treatment will also extend the pavement life on US 6, minimizing the need for emergency repairs and interruptions to daily traffic.

This work is part of a \$7.3 M CDOT contract awarded to local contractor, Grand River Construction based in Glenwood Springs. This contract also encompasses the construction on Colorado Highway 82 which includes asphalt mill and overlay, guardrail replacement, utility work, curb ramp improvements and striping.



Approximate project limits

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REMEMBER: SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones.

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Be patient!

WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY.

To heighten safety awareness, CDOT recently announced its *Whole System – Whole Safety* initiative. This project takes a systematic statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone home safely.

ABOUT CDOT

CDOT has approximately 3,000 employees located throughout Colorado, and manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also administers Bustang, the state-owned and operated interregional express service. Governor Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's intermodal mobility options.

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