

S. TEJON ROUNDABOUT

FACT SHEET



// INTRODUCTION

The existing intersection of South Tejon Street, Cascade Avenue, Ramona Avenue, and Cheyenne Boulevard currently includes five approaches to a single point. Located within a fully-developed urban context, including retail, office, entertainment and residential uses in the Ivywild neighborhood, this is an extremely busy intersection and can be confusing to motorists. To improve safety, capacity and traffic flow, the City of Colorado Springs is reconstructing the intersection as a modern roundabout.

Both Cheyenne Boulevard and South Tejon Street are striped for bicycle lanes but there is a pinch point at the intersection in all directions. This pinch point requires bicyclists to merge into the vehicle travel lanes rather than remaining in a bicycle lane through the intersection.



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// PROJECT OVERVIEW

The angles of the existing approaches are difficult for motorists to negotiate. The angle of each approach creates poor sight distance and makes it more difficult for people traveling through the intersection to follow any wayfinding signage or know what direction to take to negotiate their destination. As a result, the intersection creates considerable delay even in the absence of significant traffic volumes. A secondary consequence is that local drivers avoid the intersection by cutting through nearby neighborhood streets, creating other local traffic conflicts and neighborhood concerns.

The modern roundabout solution at this signalized intersection will improve operations, reduce travel delay, reduce long-term maintenance costs with the removal of the traffic signal, and carry bicyclists and pedestrians fully through all legs of the intersection. It will also improve traffic operations and enhance the sense of community in compliance with the Ivywild Neighborhood Master Plan and the historic character of the neighborhood.

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// PROJECT BENEFITS

- Improved intersection operation and public safety during both peak- and off-peak hours
- Safer passage for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Promote air quality by improved traffic circulation
- Reduce maintenance costs
- Implement elements of the City of Colorado Springs Comprehensive Plan (Plan COS)
- Stimulate economic vitality within nearby Urban Renewal Areas and Neighborhood Strategy Area
- Streetscape enhancements for improved neighborhood appearance.

// THE PROJECT INCLUDES

- Curb and Gutter, Pavement, Sidewalks and Trails
- Storm Drain, Pipes, Manholes/Inlets
- Utility Adjustments and Relocations
- Signing and Striping
- Street Lighting
- Temporary Erosion Control Measures
- Construction Phasing and Traffic Control.

// PROJECT FUNDING

This project is funded through a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. The primary purpose of CMAQ is to fund projects/programs that contribute to attainment or maintenance of national ambient air quality standards, which reduce transportation-related emissions.

// PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Construction starts July 2019
- Anticipated completion early 2020 (weather dependent). (As of June 2019).