

Westside Avenue Action Plan PROJECT FACT SHEET



PROJECT BACKGROUND

- The Westside Avenue Action Plan (WAAP) is a multi-jurisdictional infrastructure improvements project to improve safety and mobility and provide a long-range economic vision for the 1.5-mile corridor along W. Colorado/Manitou Avenue (from 31st Street to the U.S. 24 Interchange), between the two vibrant historic districts of Old Colorado City and Manitou Springs.
- The WAAP Construction Phase officially began in January 2017 and is expected to be completed in December 2018.
- The \$30.9 million project was funded through the voter-approved Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority.
- The project was designed with consideration to extensive input received from citizens, businesses and stakeholders who participated in the numerous stakeholder workshops, small group meetings and public open houses over a four-year period.

DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS

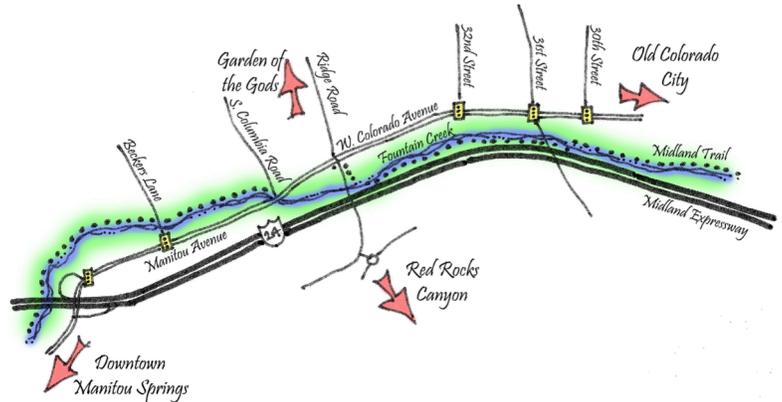
- Transforms W. Colorado/Manitou Avenue into a three-lane roadway, with a single lane in each direction and a center left turn lane that accommodates 2040 projected traffic volumes. The transformation meets the Westside Community values of a “Slow and Social” corridor.
- Adds bicycle lanes in both directions of the corridor.
- Provides sidewalks and storm water drainage, including new curb and gutter.
- Relocates overhead electric lines underground, and utility upgrades throughout the project.
- Upgrades street lighting consistent with historic Westside character.

-Connects the Midland Trail, including a trail underpass beneath Columbia Road/Adams Crossing Bridge.

-Major upgrades to the old water and sanitary sewer systems.

-Constructs a trail plaza and trail connection on existing Ridge Road between W. Colorado/Manitou Avenue and W. Pikes Peak Avenue, to include a queue jump bus stop allowing Mountain Metro buses to easily enter and exit traffic at the proposed signalized intersection.

-Relocates 1000 feet of Fountain Creek 50 feet to the north of its current location and a new bridge at Adams Crossing over Fountain Creek, accommodating 100-year flood conditions.



PROJECT BENEFITS

- Creates safe and efficient transportation corridor and a compatible link between the two vibrant historic districts of Old Colorado City and Manitou Springs.
- Improves safety and mobility with two-way left turn lanes allowing for safe left turn movements into the more than 90 access points along the corridor.
- Improves safety during storm events with new storm drainage along Manitou and W. Colorado Avenues, mitigating future flood damage through improvements to Fountain Creek.
- Improves safety by providing continuous sidewalk on both sides of the street with street lighting.
- Improves conditions for bicyclists with a dedicated bike lane on each side of W. Colorado / Manitou Avenue.
- Serves as a catalyst for economic revitalization and other future corridor improvements.

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