

Granite Bridge Replacement Project - Fact Sheet



Project Overview

Chaffee County, along with partner Native Sun Construction, will replace the bridge spanning the Arkansas River located on County Road 397 in Granite, Colorado off of US Highway 24 between Leadville and Buena Vista. The County has been working for several years to secure the \$3.1 million in funding needed to complete the work and is finally ready to commence the construction.

Work will include removal of the existing bridge and construction of the new vehicular bridge, including the rehabilitation of the original truss from the historic bridge. In addition, the access roads will be graded and landscaping will be completed.

This project will improve the strength, safety, and sustainability of the bridge structure while maintaining its historical character and restoring some of its original steel components. Additionally, substantial river bank stabilization will be provided underneath the bridge.

Project Phases

1. **Abutment rehabilitation** - late November - early March
2. **Bridge foundation replacement** - early March - late April
3. **Replacement of bridge superstructure** - May **One day bridge closure*
4. **Modification and rehabilitation of existing truss** - early May - early June
5. **Project completion work** - mid June - early July

Project Schedule

- The project is scheduled to begin on **November 20**
- Work is expected to be complete by early July 2024
- Normal (winter) working hours will be from **Monday through Friday 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.**

Travel Impacts

- The roadway shall remain open while improvements are being made.
- There will be a bridge closure for one day. Residents and property owners of Granite will be notified in advance of this event.

Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns or if you would like to be added to our public outreach contact list to receive construction updates, please contact us!

- Project information hotline: 970.765.7160
- Project email: granitebridgereplacement@gmail.com