



Sheridan Bond Improvements Program

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A Look Ahead

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- Irving St. to Federal Blvd. & Oxford Ave. to US 285
- Oxford Ave. to US 285
- 3600 block of Bryant St., south of US 285

The team continues to work with businesses and residents to be mindful of impacts and accessibility.

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South Platte River Bike Trail Reopens and Team Completes Major Milestone

A few weeks ago, the DrivingChange project team was pleased to reopen the South Platte River Bike Trail. In January, the team temporarily closed a portion of the trail for construction activities in the area known as the Bottoms neighborhood. Construction included work on and around the trail including laying a storm drain beneath the trail, building a new outlet structure, and stabilizing the riverbank. The team also laid boulder riprap, which is rock or other material used to shore up stream beds and bridge abutments against water or ice erosion. All of this alleviated serious flooding and drainage issues in the Bottoms neighborhood.



A bicyclist on the reopened South Platte River Bike Trail

"We were excited to get the trail reopened before increased summer activities," said Randy Mourning, City of Sheridan Director of Public Works. "However, we want people to be aware that construction is still happening around the area, so we urge motorists to continue using caution and slow speeds."

Most importantly, this marked the first milestone of repairing the drainage and flooding issues that have plagued the Bottoms neighborhood for years.

"The new outfall is working as planned, and there was significant improvement in drainage during the last rainfall," said Mourning.

Work on and around the trail included laying a storm drain beneath the trail, building a new outlet/outfall structure, and stabilizing the riverbank. The team also laid boulder riprap.

Several precautions were taken to protect the South Platte River during the construction process. Temporary concrete barrier was placed out to the river to serve as a perimeter control, while clean, imported material was placed between the barrier and the existing bank. Also, due to the need to work below the water table, they had to dewater, or drain, the area which meant pumping inflow water back out to the river. In order to minimize the turbidity (cloudiness) of the water, it was pumped through a dewatering bag, which filtered the pumped water. Once work was completed, the fill material was removed, and the barrier



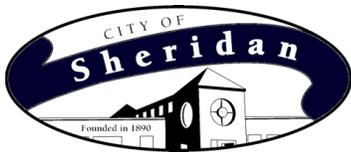
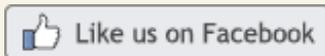
The new outfall where diluted stormwater drains to the South Platte River.

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was pulled out. In general, it was a fairly low-disturbance operation.

Bicyclists and pedestrians alike should be happy the trail reopened just in time for summer, and residents and businesses are excited by improvements seen already!

Bottoms Neighborhood Construction Continues Throughout the Summer

The DrivingChange project team has been working hard since February in the Bottoms neighborhood. So far the team has completed the paving of W. Girton Avenue, W. Girard Avenue, South Platte River Drive and portions of Alley 2.

Storm drainage continues to be installed in Alley 2 progressing to the west. From Alley 2, drainage lines will extend both north and south along S. Umatilla Street, crossing over W. Hamilton Place, and ultimately connecting to Brady Court through W. Hampden Avenue. Following completion of the storm drain system, roadway work will progress in a similar fashion.

Work on S. Umatilla Street, W. Hampden Avenue, Brady Court, and W. Hamilton Place includes rebuilding with new curb, gutter, and sidewalks.

In order to minimize impacts to businesses, the team will employ the use of fast track construction methods with regard to work along both W. Hampden Avenue and W. Hamilton Place. This will require weekend closures of some roadways, detour routes, and limited access through the standard work week.

All drainage improvements are anticipated to be completed by the end of August, and total completion of work in the Bottoms neighborhood is late November.



Paving work on W. Girard Avenue

2017 Streets Project Construction

Federal West Neighborhood

Beginning in April, work began in the Federal West neighborhood and will be in high gear this summer! The team has already paved S. Grove Street, S. Hazel Court, W. Mansfield Avenue, W. Milan Avenue and Marston Place.

Crews will be back shortly to wrap up these streets to place the final layer of asphalt, replace signage, and stripe the roadway.

Curb, gutter, and sidewalk are also being replaced on Grove Street, Green, S. Hazel Court, S. Hooker Street, Bear Creek Drive and W. Kenyon Avenue, with total completion by end of Mid-July.

To view the fact sheet for the Federal West neighborhood, click [here](#).

Goat Hill Neighborhood

Work is beginning in the Goat Hill Neighborhood in July. Storm drain improvements will be happening on Hampden Avenue along with curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway improvements. Improvements will soon be taking place on Dale Court, Eliot Street, Bryant Street, and Clay Street, including curb, gutter,



Sidewalk work on W. Milan Avenue

sidewalk and roadway replacement.

To view the Goat Hill neighborhood fact sheet, click [here](#).

As repaving occurs in your neighborhood, please remember it is very important to stay off the street until the contractor opens it up again. When installed, asphalt is approximately 300 degrees and can take several hours to cool to a safe temperature - even overnight in some cases. Also, keep pets and children away from the asphalt as it could cause serious injury.

Summer Road Construction Safety

Roads are buzzing with activity all around the City of Sheridan. That's because summer is the height of the road construction season due to favorable weather conditions for activities such as paving. While you're out and about, there are some safety guidelines to keep in mind.

First, go slow. There's a reason for those flashing lights, high visibility vests or hand-held stop signs. Workers want to get your attention to get you to slow down. The likelihood of an accident drops significantly when the proper speed is maintained in work zones.

Remember to stay alert. Construction zones are notoriously tight. Cars don't have much wiggle room, meaning neither do workers. Often workers or equipment are within inches of passing cars. Always pay careful attention when traveling through work zones, which means above all - no texting. Put your phone down and watch all workers and machines ahead of you to be alerted to potential dangers. Being aware of your surroundings at all times in a work zone ensures everyone remains safe.

Most important is patience. Of course slowing down can be a hassle, but you must be patient if you want to prevent an accident. Frustrated drivers who speed in work zones are typically at fault for work zone accidents. Don't lose your cool out there. It only takes a few minutes to slow down through a construction zone.

The DrivingChange team wants everyone - motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists and workers - to remain safe during this summer construction season.