

## PROJECT UPDATE



### SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

With spring coming that also means severe weather season. Here are some tips about lightning:

#### Did you know?

Lightning strikes the U.S. around 20 million times a year. Lightning can strike as many as 10 - 25 miles away from its thunderstorm and can create heat hotter than the surface of the sun.

Remember, When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

#### Lighting Dos and Don'ts:

- If you hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning!
- No place is safe outdoors in a thunderstorm. When you hear thunder, seek shelter immediately.
- Get inside a sturdy building
- If buildings are not available, seek shelter in a hard-topped metal vehicle.
- If OUTDOORS, avoid tall trees, utility poles, cell phone towers, ladders, scaffolding, and rooftops.
- Do NOT seek shelter in pavilions, tents, sheds, or other unstable buildings.
- If INDOORS, avoid plumbing including sinks, baths, and faucets. Stay away from windows and doors.
- Avoid water and immediately get out of any body of water you may be in at the time.
- Lightning is likely to strike the tallest object in any given area. Do not be the tallest object.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Although Zumbahl and Cave Springs are in their final configurations, work isn't done in that area. This spring crews will add a final layer of pavement with permanent striping.

Westbound Veterans Memorial Parkway between Cave Springs Boulevard and Mexico Road is back open to two-way traffic. Westbound traffic had been restricted so crews could work on the new arch structure that will allow traffic on Veterans Memorial Parkway to go under Cave Springs Road without stopping at a traffic signal. That is expected to be complete this spring.



### NAVIGATING THE WORKZONE

With the new I-70 interchanges at Zumbahl and Cave Springs in their final configurations, crews are focusing on the improvements along the north side of westbound I-70 from Fairgrounds to Route 94. This new north outer road will allow drivers to travel between Fairgrounds and Route 94 without having to get on the interstate. It will also allow traffic merging on and off the interstate to do that on the new outer road, rather than the interstate. All this will help improve local traffic and reduce delays on the interstate.

As part of this work, there will be some traffic impacts this summer. That will include the closure of the westbound I-70 on ramp from Fairgrounds. During the closure, traffic will be detoured to Route 94 for access to I-70. That detour will be in place for 120 days. The lanes on westbound I-70 will also be temporarily shifted and reduced to 11 feet between Fairgrounds and Route 94.

The new north outer road will relocate the westbound I-70 exit to Route 94 further east.

More details will be released once there is a date for this work to start.

The new north outer road is expected to be completed by late November of this year.