

PROJECT UPDATE



SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

As we move into the winter months, we'll be sending these newsletters out less frequently. In order to make sure everyone stays as safe as possible during the next few months, we wanted to give you a few safety reminders about driving near snowplows during a snow or ice storm.

- Don't crowd the plow. Maintenance vehicles plow far and wide —sometimes very wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the centerline and shoulders during plowing operations.
- Don't tailgate or stop too close behind snowplows. Snowplows are usually spreading deicing materials from the back of the truck. They may need to stop or take evasive action to avoid stranded vehicles. If you find yourself behind a snowplow, stay behind it or use caution when passing. The road behind a snowplow will be safer to drive on.
- Watch for snowplows operating in either lane of travel or in tandem.
- Don't travel beside a plow for long periods. When plowing through a snowdrift or packed snow, the impact can move the truck sideways.
- Snowplows can create a cloud of snow that can reduce your visibility to zero in less time than you can react. Drive smart. Never drive into a snow cloud — it could conceal a snowplow.
- Snowplows travel much slower than the posted speeds while removing snow and ice from the roads. When you spot a plow, allow plenty of time to slow down.
- A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.
- Plows turn and exit the road frequently. Give them plenty of room.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Crews are preparing to open the new single-point urban interchange (SPUI) on both Cave Springs and Zumbahl over Interstate 70. The new SPUI at Zumbahl will open in early December while the one at Cave Springs will open in mid-December. Both will require one more traffic switch. Details on those shifts will be sent out once dates are finalized. Crews will continue to work on the project through the winter but will need to wait until spring to pave the final surface and do final striping.

A SPUI allows for opposing left turns to be made at the same time with one set of signals, allowing more vehicles to clear the interchange in one traffic signal cycle. Vehicles are able to make long, gradual turns in a SPUI which gives larger vehicles more room to navigate. This allows more traffic to move through a smaller amount of space and reduces the number of signals at the interchanges, which increases the spacing between intersections.

SPUI exist already at several locations along the I-70 corridor, one at I-70 and Route 94/First Capitol Drive and I-70 and T.R. Hughes Boulevard.



NAVIGATING THE WORKZONE

Westbound Veterans Memorial Parkway between Cave Springs Boulevard and Mexico Road will remain restricted to one-way traffic for a few more months. The road was converted to a temporary one-way configuration in May 2023 so crews could build the new overpass that will allow traffic on Veterans Memorial Parkway to go under Cave Springs Road without stopping at a traffic signal.

This temporary configuration means Veterans Memorial Parkway traffic can only go in the eastbound direction (no westbound traffic) between Cave Springs Boulevard and Mexico Road. Once construction is completed, this section of Veterans Memorial Parkway will be returned to the original two-way traffic configuration in March 2024, weather permitting.