

Eastbound I-70 Mt. Vernon Escape Ramp Construction

Project Update

Feb 19-23, 2024

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For the week of February 19th, there will be various single lane closures during the day and night on eastbound I-70 at Mile Post 256 near Genesee. The emergency escape ramp will be closed until the project's completion in the late spring of 2024.

Traffic Impacts

- Single lane closures Tuesday through Thursday from 4 a.m. to 1 p.m. on eastbound I-70 at MP 256 near Genesee.
- Double left lane closure Thursday from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 am Thursday eastbound I-70 at MP 256.
- 24/7 weekday right and left shoulder closures.
- 11-foot lane restriction and the speed limit for freight vehicles is reduced to 40 miles per-hour on eastbound I-70 from exits 254 to 259.
- The emergency escape ramp is closed to freight drivers and all vehicles until late spring 2024.

The construction schedule could change depending on the weather and other factors. Check [COTrip.org](https://cotrip.org) for the latest information on conditions and lane closures.

General Project Impacts & Scope of Work

Work on the Eastbound I-70 Mount Vernon Emergency Escape Ramp Project began Nov. 13, 2023. The project will rebuild the eastbound I-70 Mount Vernon emergency escape ramp at MP 257 just east of Genesee. The project will make the ramp more visible and robust for truck drivers to use in the event of an emergency such as failed brakes.

Some of the improvements include better advanced signage, larger barriers between the ramp and the adjacent steep embankment, additional cameras at the ramp, new ramp lighting, and a better ramp design allowing for late entry should truckers miss the escape ramp entrance. The emergency escape ramp will remain closed until the project's completion in the late spring of 2024. Truckers must make sure their brakes and vehicles are in safe working order before heading down the steep grade. There are several locations along the corridor to cool brakes. The hot brake locations are on the [COTrip.org](https://cotrip.org) map. The project is scheduled to complete in late May/early June 2024.

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Project Webpage: [Eastbound I-70 Mount Vernon Emergency Escape Ramp Reconstruction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](#)

Road Conditions: [COTrip.org](https://cotrip.org)

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