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Final Project Wrap-up

September 2023



30th Street Corridor Project now complete

Following work on the final two retaining walls on the east side of 30th Street between Mesa Road and Gateway Road, and culminating in two years of construction after years of planning, the 30th Street Corridor project is now complete. The improvements of this project are critical components of the transportation system along 30th Street that benefit all users of the 30th Street corridor, whether visiting Garden of the Gods Park and the Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center or commuting through daily. Garden of the Gods is the most visited attraction in Colorado Springs, with more than 4 million visitors from all 50 states and more than 60 countries coming to discover the beauty and history. Safe and accommodating access to the park and infrastructure network surrounding it are paramount to the vitality of our City.



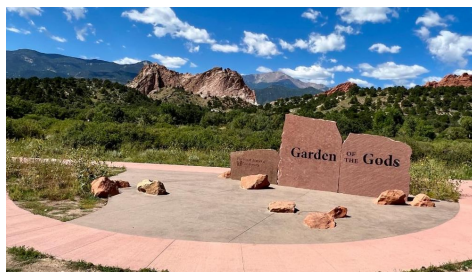
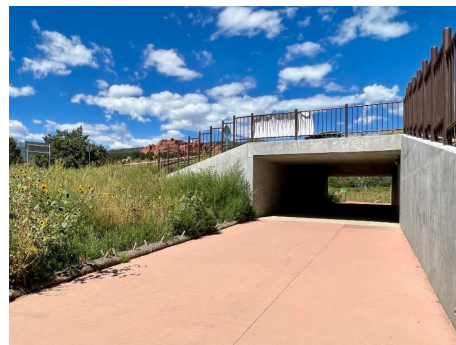
By the Numbers

- 21,655 feet of concrete curb and gutter
- 14,133 tons of asphalt for paving
- 2,042 linear feet of retaining walls placed
- 6,300 linear feet of soldier pile installed
- 13,364 feet of storm sewer and water pipelines
- 83 storm inlets installed
- 3,000 linear feet of new water line
- 5,247 linear feet of guardrail

Project Improvements

The project improves roadway safety for three miles of 30th Street between Mesa Road and Fontanero Street, creating an effective emergency evacuation corridor for northwest Colorado Springs.

- The wider road and addition of paved multi-purpose shoulders improve safety for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists and create another option for safe evacuation of residents if needed. Drivers are now able to pull over more easily in the event of a minor roadway emergency, and emergency vehicles, like ambulances and fire trucks can pass through traffic more safely.
- Intersection improvements were made at Fontanero Street, Westmoor Drive, Water Street, and Gateway Road.
- Intersection improvements at Gateway Road include a new roundabout to better ease congestions into/out of Garden of the Gods Park and to create a distinctive "sense of arrival."
- Better connectivity to Foothills Trail from the overflow parking lot and safety features for pedestrians were added such as an underpass of Gateway Road.
- A new storm sewer system including pipes and a water quality pond were installed.
- Sanitary sewer, gas lines, and other utility upgrades were made along the corridor.
- Retaining walls were added to accommodate the widened road and improve slope stability at some locations.
- The main monument sign was placed at a plaza north of the park entrance intersection for a safer environment for photos and to reduce traffic congestion.



Stakeholder Engagement

During the course of the project the public was kept informed by:

- Continued communication to the Project Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Project website / hotline / emails
- Informal stakeholder briefings (one-on-one) and "Coffee Chats"
- A contact database was developed and expanded throughout the project to include all stakeholder and groups/individuals interested in the project.
- Traffic advisories were developed and distributed to approximately 650 in the database including agencies, stakeholders, businesses and members of the traveling public who requested information on the project.



- PAC tour, unveiling of new monument, ground breaking and ribbon cutting events that involved key stakeholders and the media
- Media / news releases and media tours
- Last spring, the project team was pleased to present the project to 4th and 5th grade students at Howbert Elementary as part of STEM outreach. The school had a front row seat to construction efforts.

30th Street Corridor Project Schedule

- Contractor Selected (Wildcat Construction): August 2021
- Construction Began: October 22, 2021
- Construction Completion: through September 2023

Funding

- Design funded by City Public Works capital funds
- Construction funded primarily from The Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

For more information on the project: [ColoradoSprings.gov/30thStreet](https://coloradosprings.gov/30thStreet)



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