US 550 Ouray to Colona Resurfacing Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Colorado Department of Transportation and contracting partner Elam Construction will begin the US 550 resurfacing project on April 4. The project will take place on US 550 for 22 miles from Mile Point 93.8, north of Ouray, to MP 115.6, just south of Colona.

Work will include asphalt paving, shoulder widening at three locations, bridge maintenance on three structures, installing new guardrail, new pavement markings and signing. An additional work zone is located south of Ouray at Bear Creek tunnel (MP 90 to 91) where crews will replace concrete panel approaches at each end of the tunnel.

PROJECT BENEFITS
The new road surface will add approximately 10 years of life to the highway, provide a smoother road surface and will eliminate ruts and road damage. This will allow for an improved smoother and safer drive for motorists. The new guardrail will be 31” high instead of 27” high to help veering vehicles remain on the road more effectively, making the highway safer for the traveling public.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The project, starting in April, has an anticipated completion date of November 2022.

TRAVEL IMPACTS
Motorists should plan for one-lane alternating traffic, 20 minute delays and reduced speed limit throughout the work-zone.

CONTACT INFORMATION
If you have questions or concerns or if you would like to be added to our public outreach contact list to receive construction updates, please contact us!
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