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Culvert Repairs set to Start

MANITOU SPRINGS - The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is expecting to begin replacing the concrete culvert under Manitou Ave. (U.S. 24 Business) on Friday, Aug. 10.

Recent storms damaged the west wall of the structure between the curbs and gutters, necessitating a full closure of Manitou Ave. between Ruxton and Park avenues. However, pedestrian access remains since the sidewalks through this area were not impacted.

CDOT will begin the process to contract the \$1.5 to \$2 million project on Monday, Aug. 6. Work will include demolishing and removing the old structure, and replacing it with a new 60-foot-long box culvert. The project is expected to be completed by the end of September.

To access locations west of the closure point, drivers should use Serpentine Drive (not recommended for large trucks) or the U.S. 24/Manitou Avenue Interchange. Access from the east is available via the U.S. 24/Manitou Avenue Interchange or Sunshine Trail.

CDOT Maintenance, along with assistance from local law enforcement, continues to monitor the site to ensure safety is maintained for people traveling through the area.

Additional information regarding the upcoming construction will be distributed before work proceeds.