

Jackson Street Stormwater Project
E. 14th Avenue Construction
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Jackson Street Storm Drain Project and why is it necessary?

The area around E. Colfax Avenue, E. 14th Avenue, and Colorado Boulevard is in the Montclair Drainage Basin, which is over nine square miles and consistently experiences significant flooding problems for homes and businesses during heavy rainstorms and other storm events. Installation of a 10-foot diameter stormwater pipe is critical to providing greater flood protection for Congress Park residents, National Jewish Health (NJH) patients and staff, and local businesses. In addition, the new Jackson Street Storm Drain infrastructure will ultimately provide additional capacity for the upstream area on the east side of Colorado Boulevard around Hale Parkway, which also experiences persistent flooding.

What is the current status of the project?

Crews are expected to complete their installation of the new pipe below ground under E. Colfax Avenue at the beginning of November 2020 and then reopen E. Colfax to through traffic in both directions. Then, on or around November 10, 2020, access to NJH will move back to its original location on E. Colfax, and installation of the storm drain system will proceed simultaneously in the south end of the NJH parking lot and in E. 14th Avenue.

Will there be lane closures on E. 14th Avenue?

Yes, full lane closures of E. 14th Avenue will be required between Garfield and Harrison Streets to ensure the safety of the construction crews as they install the pipe twenty-two feet below ground. The full width of E. 14th Avenue at Jackson Street is needed to safely accommodate crew members, the 10-foot diameter pipe, and excavation equipment. The intersections of Garfield and 14th and Harrison and 14th will remain open to through traffic.

Will sidewalks in the project area remain open?

Sidewalks on the north side of 14th between Garfield and Harrison will be closed, while sidewalks on the south side of 14th will remain open.

How will traffic be impacted when this section of E. 14th Avenue is closed?

A digital message board will be placed on E. 14th Avenue west of York Street to forewarn and encourage eastbound travelers to detour onto York Street south to E. 12th Avenue or onto Josephine Street north to E. Colfax Avenue. Additional detour signs will be in place in the project area as well to direct travellers to alternate routes. Local vehicular traffic will be maintained in the area, with the exception of the closure at E. 14th Avenue and Jackson Street.

How long will E. 14th be closed?

It is expected that installation of this final segment of the stormwater system in E. 14th Avenue will be completed in May or June of 2021.

Will access to residences and businesses be impacted during this work?

Access to residences and businesses will be maintained during construction.

Will any trees be removed during construction in E. 14th Avenue?

For this work, two trees on the north side of E. 14th Avenue next to National Jewish Health and directly next to the excavation site will need to be removed. The project will follow the City's tree replacement program requirements, which will likely mean tree replacement in a different, more appropriate, location.

How can residents and businesses get construction updates and contact the project team?

- For general questions or to sign up for ongoing construction updates, email us at ccd.constructionupdates@gmail.com. Learn more at: bit.ly/JacksonStreetStorm or go to denvergov.org and enter "Jackson Street Storm" in the search bar.
- **For urgent**, construction-related questions, call **Gary Padilla**, on-site inspector at **303 446-3445** or **Perry Lopez**, contractor at **303 995-2278**.
- **For non-urgent** questions that will be answered within a few hours during regular business hours, call **720 460-9055**.