



# 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue Widening Project Update

09/22/2025

# Overview

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- Review summary of the scope for the project.
- Discuss the schedule for construction.
- Overview next steps for the project.

# Project Summary

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- Improvement of E 96th Avenue from Chambers to Tower Road.
- This project will include the construction of a median, two eastbound lanes from Chambers Road to Tower Road, sidewalks, multi-use paths, storm sewer, water lines, traffic signals, a pedestrian underpass and completion of the bridge over Second Creek.
- A 2026 CIP request is being considered for new lighting along the roadway.
- Per Council direction, the feasibility of constructing sound walls is also being explored.

# Project Summary Continued

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- 2022: Council approved contract for final engineering and design services.
  - 2023: Council identified the need to construct a pedestrian underpass as a part of the project. A feasibility study was conducted.
  - 2024: Council approved funding for underpass design and the construction contract for the widening project.
  - 2025: Council approved funding and construction contract for pedestrian underpass.
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# Pedestrian Underpass

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- Design of the underpass was coordinated with Rocky Vista High School.
  - The underpass design includes landscaping, retaining walls, new lighting, drainage, and 12-foot-wide paths.
- Final design plans were completed in June of 2025.
- The underpass will be a 155-foot-long, 12-foot-wide by 10-foot-high box culvert.

# Construction Progress

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- Construction began in early 2025 and was originally anticipated to last 16 months.
    - Addition of the underpass extends the construction timeline.
  - Contractor is actively working on the construction of the bridge over Second Creek.
  - Construction of the new traffic signals on Chambers Road has started.
  - The roadway widening east of Tower Road has been completed.
  - Paving of the roadway between Second Creek and Tower Road is scheduled to start mid-September.
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# Construction Progress Continued

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- The installation of watermain for SACWSD is ongoing.
- Construction on the concrete pavement is scheduled to start mid-September on the east side of the Second Creek Bridge.
- Pedestrian underpass construction will begin in October.
- The project is on track to be completed by the end of 2026.
  - The new school will not open until fall of 2027.

# Next Steps

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- The second quarterly open house for the widening project is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1 at Southlawn Elementary.
    - Advertising for the meeting has begun on social media.
    - Homeowners directly adjacent to the roadway received a direct invitation in the mail.
  - Homeowners directly adjacent to the roadway will receive a packet of information and a survey about sound walls in early October.
  - Staff will share survey responses from the homeowners with Council and request direction in Q4 2025.
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# Discussion