

2020 Vision Zero Program Highlights

As more people in Denver begin to return to work safely amid COVID-19, the City's Department of Transportation is continuing its work to make travel safer by all modes.

Here is some of the work DOTI has completed so far in 2020:

Pedestrian Safety Improvements on East Colfax Avenue

DOTI has installed a new safety treatment at 28 intersections along East Colfax Avenue from Grant Street to Yosemite Street, known as a Leading Pedestrian Interval, or LPI.

- The LPI gives people who push the pedestrian button to cross Colfax Avenue a “head start” to cross the street
- The LPI gives pedestrians an opportunity to establish themselves in the intersection before cars get the green light to make left and right turns.

The LPI treatment increases the visibility of pedestrians in the intersection and helps minimize conflicts between people driving and walking.

DOTI has upgraded 14 intersections along East Colfax Avenue with low-cost, high-impact treatments to calm traffic and reduce conflicts between people driving and walking.

East Colfax is on the city's high injury network, where most of the city's fatal and serious injury crashes are occurring.

New Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon

DOTI installed a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at East 1st Avenue and Cook Street to help facilitate pedestrian and bike crossing movements east of the Cherry Creek shopping area. People in cars should be aware that when the beacon is flashing, it means someone has activated the beacon to let you know they are crossing the street, and vehicles must slow or stop to allow people walking or biking to cross safely.

New Pedestrian and Bike Underpass

At Colorado Boulevard and Hampden Avenue, DOTI is constructing two underpasses that will allow people on foot and on bikes to navigate the busy intersection near the High Line Canal Trail more safely instead of having to cross at street level amid vehicle heavy traffic. [You can learn more on the project website.](#)

Nearing completion of 47th and York pedestrian and bike bridge

Final touches are being placed on a new bike and pedestrian bridge in the Elyria-Swansea neighborhood that provides a safe connection over the railroad tracks at 47th and York. The bridge is anticipated to open in the late June/early July timeframe. [More information can be found on the project website.](#)

New Bike Lanes Installed

DOTI installed 10.5 miles of bike lanes this year so far, on:

- Williams Street from 31st to 40th Avenues (1.7 miles)
- East 7th Avenue Parkway from Williams Street to Colorado Boulevard (2.7 miles)

- East 1st Avenue, Quebec to Roslyn (0.5 miles)
- West 35th Avenue Neighborhood Bikeway from Sheridan to Inca (5.6 miles)

DOTI remains on track to install 125 miles of new bike lanes by the end of 2023, providing more dedicated space for people to ride bikes to make our streets safer for all. You can visit our bike program website for more detailed information at www.denvergov.org/bikeprogram

New Sidewalks Installed

New connections have been made this year at the following locations:

- 17th Ave Pkwy at Clermont St & Monaco St Pkwy
- Forest St Pkwy at 17th Ave Pkwy
- Monaco St Pkwy at 17th Ave Pkwy

You can visit DOTI's website for [2020's sidewalk construction work plan](#)

New Streets for Social Distancing

DOTI closed approximately 5.5 miles of streets to vehicle thru-traffic in April to provide additional space for people to get outdoors amid social distancing rules. These streets are closed to thru-traffic until further notice and updates will be provided [in the COVID-19 section of the city's website](#).

Annual Street Paving Program

DOTI's annual street paving program started in late March, providing a smoother ride on Denver streets. We're aiming for another big year of street paving operations and anticipate improving more than 500 lane miles of roadway with additional funding from the Elevate Denver Bond program. Weekly paving locations can be found at www.denvergov.org/denverpaving.

New Street Signs and Pavement Markings

Crews are out every day taking advantage of the warming weather by striping streets, refreshing crosswalks, and replacing faded or damaged signage

Fatal Crashes in Denver

Through May 2019: 32

Year to date 2020: 17

- 2 people on a motorcycle
- 5 people walking
- 10 people in vehicles

Remembering Victims of Traffic Crashes

Denverites can honor those who have been killed in traffic crashes as part of the *2020 Ride and Walk of Silence* event, being held virtually this year. People can participate by sharing their thoughts about traffic safety and memories of loved ones through their social media channels, utilizing the hash tag #rideofsilence2020.

Tonight, from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., DOTI's Denver Community Active Living Coalition (CALC) will host an online candlelight vigil [via Facebook event](#), including a moment of silence to

honor those who have been killed in traffic crashes and to contemplate peace and safer streets for all in the future.

Key Vision Zero Asks from the Public

- With activity on our roadways picking up, we need people in cars to *slow down* and keep an eye out for one other.
- With our warmer weather, more people are out walking, biking and riding motorcycles. Please look out for these vulnerable users of our roadways.
- Do not drive distracted
- DO not drive under the influence
- Recognize that Denver is making changes on its streets, including adding bike lanes, to make streets safer for all and eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injury crashes per its [Vision Zero program](#).