

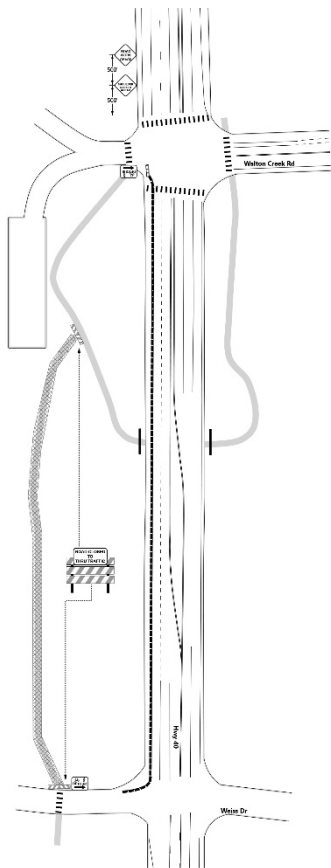


Walton Creek Pedestrian Bridge Refurbishment Planned

September 12 Closure Anticipated to Last Until Early October

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-September 11, 2023-The Walton Creek Pedestrian Bridge, a key link on the Yampa River Core Trail for properties in the south of town, is slated for refurbishment starting tomorrow, Tuesday, September 12, and will close to all traffic during the project.

“As we’ve seen with other outdoor features, these bridges take a beating from dramatic changes in weather, such as hot dry temperatures in summer to months of snow and below freezing conditions in winter,” said Parks & Recreation Project Manager Aaron Stafford. “This project is vital to ensuring the structure remains in a safe and structurally sound condition and connectivity is maintained.”



The city has contracted with Sloop Painting to complete the upcoming decking, railing, and painting project. The bridge crosses Walton Creek and is located between Walton Creek Rd and Weiss Drive on the west side of US40. Sloop Painting is no stranger to this type of project as they did the work on several other pedestrian bridges including Snake Island, Fish Creek, and Soda Creek.

Currently, the decking is rough, splitting, and in need of repair and will be completely replaced per recommendations from the city’s bridge inspection consultant Stantec. The 118-foot bridge will also be painted as the current paint has deteriorated over time. Overnight temperatures and dew point will be an important factor in how quickly the bridge will be able to be painted.

Sloop Painting plans to begin work on the morning of Tuesday, September 12, and the project is expected to last into early October. During this time, the bridge will be closed to the public and a detour will be required to travel around the bridge.

Detour Information: A detour will be set up so that Core Trail users can bypass the closed area by traveling through a designated 825-foot jersey barrier corridor along the shoulder of US40 between Walton Creek Rd and Weiss Drive. Please slow down and follow all rules of the road. When traveling through the detour, expect to encounter two-way pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

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