

# I-90 EXIT 14 INTERCHANGE

## 27TH ST & HWY 14A/COLORADO BLVD

### SPEARFISH, SD

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**PROJECT OVERVIEW:** The purpose of the project is to replace the existing I-90 Exit 14 Interchange in Spearfish, South Dakota with a new single point interchange to improve traffic flow, improve access, and increase safety.

Construction activities include:

1. Replacing the existing bridge with a single point interchange over I-90 including new on and off ramps (similar to the interchange at Exit 61, Elk Vale Road in Rapid City), lowering the interstate for improved vertical clearance, and new concrete pavement
2. Realigning 27<sup>th</sup> Street to the east so that it lines up with itself at the south end
3. Realigning Highway 14A/Colorado Blvd. to the north
4. Installing raised medians to control access
5. Installing new traffic signals at 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 14A/Colorado Blvd.
6. Installing new traffic signals at 27<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue
7. Pedestrian access will be improved by installing sidewalk on the west side of the bridge and along the west side of 27<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, with connection to the bike path
8. In conjunction with this project, the City of Spearfish is also making utilities upgrades including water main improvements, sewer manhole adjustments, and adding sidewalk to the south side of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 27<sup>th</sup> Street and the entrance to 2735 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (*Anytime Fitness, Fastenal, Pretty Nails, Verizon, and Maurice's*)

The overall completion date of this project is June 1, 2018. Heavy Constructors, Inc., of Rapid City is the prime contractor on this \$28 million project.

#### PROJECT SCHEDULE & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Construction activity began on Tuesday, March 22nd. The contractor will begin by constructing the new 27th St. and Highway 14A/Colorado Blvd. intersection and the north half of Highway 14A/Colorado Blvd. while traffic utilizes the existing Highway 14A/Colorado Blvd. roadway. The contractor will also begin temporarily widening 27th St. to the west, on the north end of the project, so that it can carry traffic while the new alignment can be constructed on the east side. Traffic on 27th St. and on Highway 14A/Colorado Blvd. can expect lane closures and flaggers at times.

On Monday, April 4th, construction is scheduled to begin on I-90 and traffic can expect lane closures in both directions. At a later date, traffic will be reduced to two-way traffic in the westbound lanes while the eastbound lanes are reconstructed and work begins on the east half of the new overpass.

Road construction information for this project can be found at the following link as it becomes available:

- <http://www.sddot.com/travelers/projects/Exit14/>
- [www.safetravelusa.com/sd](http://www.safetravelusa.com/sd)
- Dial 511

Please use caution when driving through the project as construction traffic will increase as work progresses. Motorists are asked to slow down through the work zone and be prepared for: suddenly slowing, merging and stopped traffic, up to 15 minute delays, loose gravel, uneven surfaces and bumps, as well as construction workers and equipment adjacent to the roadway.

A public meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 28th at 10 am in the Spearfish City Commission Chambers to review the project and to discuss any concerns. Anyone is welcome to attend.

A construction bulletin will be published which details the progress of the project as it is constructed as well as provide a brief look ahead of construction work planned. It will be distributed every two weeks.



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