

CENTRAL CITY PARKWAY

Overview



The new Central City Parkway was designed to provide a modern transportation alternative direct from I-70 to Central City on four-lanes of Parkway. It transports all types of travelers, tourists and gaming patrons on a quick, easy and scenic drive in just 12 minutes to the historic mountain communities of Central City and Black Hawk.

The Central City Parkway broke ground in October 2003 and is a privately funded project of the Central City Business Improvement District comprised of local businesses and property owners.

The Central City Parkway opened November 19, 2004, and is the result of more than 10 years of planning. Buddy Lazier, 1996 Indy 500 Champion, was the first to drive the new Parkway. Following Lazier on opening day were 12 of the country's fastest, vintage race cars, provided by Nostalgia Racing, Inc. of Arvada, Colorado. Rounding out the dedication at the I-70 and exit 243 interchange were performances by the Central City Opera and an appearance by Ames Construction's eight-horse Percheron team. The day's events concluded with a special reception and block party in Central City.



Project Description

The Central City Business Improvement District spearheaded the development of the Central City Parkway. The Central City Parkway is a collaborative effort of local and regional government agencies, local businesses and private landowners. It was designed to meet or exceed the Colorado Department of Transportation's standards for a roadway of this magnitude and was made possible through an Intergovernmental Agreement between Central City, Clear Creek County and Idaho Springs.

Major earthwork equipment used for this project included: twelve 100-ton rock trucks, a 14 cubic yard hydraulic shovel, two 15 cubic yard Cat 992 loaders, ten D10, D9 and D8 bulldozers, and numerous backhoes, drill rigs and water trucks. The privately funded road cost \$38.3 million to construct.

Central City Parkway provides access to both Central City, in the southern end of Gilpin County, and to Black Hawk through Central City.

Central City Parkway Fast Facts

Location:	Exit #243, I-70 to Central City
Length:	8.4 miles
Width:	80-90 feet
Lanes:	Four. 2 in each direction
Shoulders:	8-foot paved
Contour:	Flat with 2 sections of 7.9% grades at either end
Elevation gain:	1,200 feet
Design Speed:	30-55 mph
Travel Time:	12 minutes
Opened:	November 19, 2004
Contractors:	Ames Construction, Inc. HNTB Companies Sellards & Grigg TST Infrastructure, Inc.

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Central City Parkway offers outstanding views of the great Colorado Rockies.

**Four Lanes to the
Richest Square Mile on Earth!**

It's Just the Start of Your Great Time!

In just about 12 minutes, you can change your views, change your attitude, and maybe even change your fortune.

Central City Parkway is the magic carpet that will give you a smooth, restful ride to the "Richest Square Mile on Earth" - Central City.



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