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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Update on 27th Street Bridge Closure**

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The 27th Street Bridge is expected to remain closed through next week, as final concrete work is prepped and put in place. The 27th Street Bridge contractor Ralph L. Wadsworth (RLW) completed concrete pours in the roundabout lanes and apron on Friday, December 13. The concrete takes between three and four days to reach sufficient strength for cars to safely drive on. Crews will also seal the concrete prior to opening the roundabout. At this time, the City estimates that this work will be completed for the roundabout to open by Tuesday, December 17.

Crews also need to remove temporary asphalt and replace it with concrete on the west side of the bridge. This work must be completed prior to the end of the project and will require a full closure of the bridge to ensure the concrete cures properly. Crews will begin preparing this area for concrete on Monday, December 16 and Tuesday, December 17, depending on weather.

All major impacts of the 27th Street Bridge replacement project (curb and paving) are anticipated to be complete by Saturday, December 21, depending on weather. Earlier finishes are possible depending upon weather and concrete cure times.

No other major impacts remain. Remaining work includes construction of a few minor walls, a guardrail replacement, wall facades, some drainage work, landscaping, and wall coatings. The walls and guardrail replacement will be completed in January 2020 with alternating lanes of traffic in the middle of the day. The rest of the work is outside of the roadway platform. Landscaping and wall coatings have been removed from the RLW contract and will be completed by either the City or other contractors in 2020.

RLW was scheduled to complete the project no later than December 5, 2019. The project has experienced significant delays, some of which were weather related. “The City is deeply disappointed in how this project has progressed. I am sincerely apologetic for the impact this has had on our community and am thankful to our residents for their understanding and support as we finish this project,” stated Glenwood Springs City Manager Debra Figueroa.

Glenwood Springs City Attorney Karl Hanlon also expressed frustration with the contractor noting, “The City is keeping track of damages and lane closure fees and has preserved its right to assess those fees. The City has held off on collecting the fees to avoid additional delays and to ensure the project is finished as soon as possible.”

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