

= Interstate 225 =

Interstate 225 (I @-@ 225) is a connector spur route of Interstate 25 in Colorado . It is the only auxiliary route of Interstate 25 , and one of two auxiliary Interstate highways in the state of Colorado . I @-@ 225 traverses Aurora and small portions of Denver and Greenwood Village . It runs north from Interstate 25 to Interstate 70 . It intersects with Interstate 70 Business / U.S. Highway 40 / U.S. Highway 287 , known locally as Colfax Avenue . Construction on the freeway began in 1964 and continued progressively through many years until final completion in 1976 .

= = Route description = =

The southern end of I @-@ 225 begins at an interchange with Interstate 25 , as a typical two lane interstate with a 65 mph speed limit . The road heads northeastward through southern Denver , and after exits with DTC Boulevard and Yosemite Street in Greenwood Village , the road becomes three lanes with a fourth auxiliary lane traversing the Denver / Greenwood Village city limits . With Cherry Creek State Park and Cherry Creek Reservoir on its east side , the highway interchanges with State Highway 83 at the northern boundary of the park . Following the exit at SH 83 , the freeway enters Aurora , where it turns northward , maintaining three through lanes , auxiliary lanes at each exit , and a 65 mph speed limit to its northern terminus at I @-@ 70 , and has upgraded exits at Iliff Avenue , Mississippi Avenue , Alameda Avenue , and 6th Avenue (also signed as State Highway 30) . After crossing Sand Creek , the freeway interchanges with Colfax Avenue (also signed as U.S. Highway 40 , U.S. Highway 287 and Interstate 70 Business) , and then with 17th Place (serving the Anschutz Medical Campus) . After the exit , I @-@ 225 enters Adams County , continuing through the city of Aurora . The route then crosses a railroad and continues north , where it interchanges with Interstate 70 . The northbound ramp to westbound I @-@ 70 reenters Denver , and the eastbound I @-@ 70 to southbound I @-@ 225 ramp originates in Denver but enters Aurora as it passes under the westbound I @-@ 70 to southbound I @-@ 225 ramp .

= = History = =

Construction on I @-@ 225 began in May 1964 at Interstate 70 . A section from Colfax Avenue to Sixth Avenue was opened in 1966 . Five years later , a segment between Mississippi Avenue and Parker Road was opened , and construction began on another segment south of Parker Road , completed in May 1975 . The rest of the route between Yosemite Street and Interstate 25 was completed in May 1976 . Since completion of construction , the road has retained its original designation from I @-@ 25 to I @-@ 70 . The highway was widened between Mississippi Avenue and Parker Road to three lanes , as part of a project to widen the entire freeway from I @-@ 25 to I @-@ 70 ; construction on this portion took place between May 2012 and November 2014 .

= = Exit list = =