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Eastern Arapahoe County motorists expect a 10-day closure for County Road 217 March 28 – April 6, weather permitting

Bridge replacement needed at County Road 217 and Bijou Creek Tributary

Deer Trail, CO --- County Road 217, also known as Price Road, will be closed 6 a.m., March 28 through 8 p.m., April 6 to replace the existing bridge with a new box culvert at Bijou Creek approximately 5 miles north of I-70 and 3.5 miles south of Highway 36. Only local traffic will be permitted onto the road, but it will not be permitted over Bijou Creek Tributary during this time.

The unobstructed 10-day closure allows the County to significantly decrease the project cost and duration, saving more than \$50,000 taxpayer dollars, and a minimum of six weeks construction time. During a recent evaluation, engineers determined that the 57-year-old bridge needed significant repairs. Further research discovered that it would be less expensive to replace the bridge. Motorists are encouraged to use the proposed 10-mile detour, which is Deter Road as the north/south connection between Jolly Road and Highway 36.

Arapahoe County worked closely with the Deer Trail School District and area emergency service providers to ensure services could continue to function during the closure.

“We apologize for the inconvenience this closure is placing on the local community, and we hope for their patience and understanding as we work as efficiently and effectively as possible to complete the project in a timely manner and return the bridge to a more appropriate condition,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who represents District 3, which includes Foxfield, eastern Centennial, southeast quadrant of Aurora and all the towns on the I-70 Corridor.

Arapahoe County contracted with Standard Concrete Inc. to replace the existing bridge. Work will begin March 26 and is tentatively scheduled for completion early June, pending weather or unforeseen delays.

Motorists should expect daytime traffic delays and congestion on County Road 217 before and after the closure due to additional temporary lane closures or restrictions; alternate routes are advised. The County would like to thank residents for their patience and understanding during this time.

For more information, call Public Works and Development at 720-874-6500, or Standard Concrete Inc. at 720-628-5240.

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