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### **Watkins residents to enjoy street enhancements** *Arapahoe County's 2011 pavement project underway*

**Arapahoe County, CO** --- As part of Arapahoe County's 2011 pavement project, residents will enjoy multiple street improvements in southeast Watkins. The County is in the process of grading and paving roads with 100 percent recycled asphalt as well as installing and extending drainage culverts to various street segments in the area.

"These improvements will make roads safer, eliminate dust and create less wear and tear on our residents' vehicles," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Chair Rod Bockenfeld. "It also will reduce the number of motor grader routes and create \$100,000 per year in gravel maintenance savings to the County."

Support from local property owners for improvements and long-term maintenance was made possible thanks to right of way transfers to the County. Similar projects completed in 2009-2010 included 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Kiowa Bennett Road to Yulle Mile Road) and Calhoun Road (Highway 40 to half-mile south of Jewell).

#### **Phase I Status:**

- Installation or extension of drainage culverts and grading on Bonnie Lane south of Alameda – COMPLETE
- Installation or extension of drainage culverts and grading on Alameda from Imboden to Bonnie Lane – UNDERWAY
- Removal of deteriorated pavement on Almstead – UNDERWAY
- Grading to provide 3' shoulders on each side of the roadway on Almstead, Mississippi and Quail Run – UNDERWAY
- Rotopaving will proceed following completion of drainage culvert work and grading.

#### **Phase II Status:**

- Installation or extension of drainage culverts and grading will be completed along Kio Street, Mississippi and Imboden as manpower and equipment are available through the warmer months.
- Rotopaving will proceed after temperatures moderate in the fall/winter of 2011 and winter/spring of 2010.

Arapahoe County appreciates the cooperation and patience of residents during roadwork. For questions, please call the Arapahoe County Service Line at 720-874-ROAD (7623).

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