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Underpass to increase pedestrian and cyclist safety at Iliff Avenue and the High Line Canal Trail

Arapahoe County hosts Dec. 14 public information meeting on trail underpass at Iliff

Denver, CO --- One of the latest projects for Arapahoe County and the Colorado Department of Transportation is a trail underpass at Iliff Avenue and the High Line Canal Trail in the four-square mile neighborhood of unincorporated Arapahoe County.

Interested residents are invited to learn more about the intended improvements from 6 – 8 p.m., Dec. 14 in Meeting Room A at the Eloise May Library, 1471 S. Parker Road, Denver.

“Currently pedestrians and cyclists on the High Line Canal are required to cross four lanes of traffic on Iliff Avenue,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Pat Noonan. “Once complete, this project creates a much safer crossing for trail users that also minimizes impacts to vehicle traffic.”

Construction for the box culvert underpass is scheduled for fall 2011. The crossing will extend under Iliff Avenue on the west side of the High Line Canal and will connect segments of existing trail systems together on either side of Iliff Avenue. The trail connection is a high priority in Arapahoe County’s Open Space Master Plan, which calls for an interconnected system of parks and trails throughout the County.

During the four month construction timeframe, Iliff Avenue will be restricted to one lane in each direction for approximately two months. Impacts to traffic in the area will be significant. A trail detour will be provided during construction for High Line Canal trail users.

This project is managed by Arapahoe County Public Works and Development and is funded by Arapahoe County Open Space and Federal Highway Administration. For more information, please call Jon Williams at 720-874-6500. To learn more about Arapahoe County Open Space, visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us and sign up for the e-mail newsletter.

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HighLineCanal_Before: Arapahoe County with the support of the Federal Highway Administration plans to create a trail underpass at Iliff Avenue and the High Line Canal Trail in the fall of 2011.

HighLineCanal_UnderpassRendering: Residents are invited to learn more about the Iliff Avenue Trail Underpass project, 6-8 p.m., Dec. 14 in the Eloise May Library, Denver.