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Media Advisory

Arapahoe County, Inverness, SEBP and Vallagio to celebrate grand opening of light rail pedestrian bridge

Community to celebrate the final connection for commuters using Dry Creek/I-25 station

CENTENNIAL, CO --- On Oct. 21, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners will join representatives from Inverness Metropolitan Improvement District, Vallagio and Southeast Business Partnership to celebrate the grand opening of the Inverness Drive West Light Rail Pedestrian Bridge, which will be swathed in bright orange fabric.

This celebration will begin at 5 p.m., Oct. 21 with a Dixieland band led inaugural march across the Pedestrian Bridge, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the base of the stairs on the eastern side of the bridge. The Pedestrian Bridge is located on East Dry Creek Road and Inverness Drive West. Parking is available at Vallagio at Inverness.

After the ceremony, follow the red carpet to a celebration at District 475, a 10,000 square-foot art and event space that is providing the southeast corridor with a wholly different location for company and social events. The celebration is sponsored by Vallagio at Inverness, Marcos Coal Fired Pizzeria, Street Kitchen Asian Bistro, Russo's Kitchen + Tavern, and Silver Spoon.

The bridge links the Dry Creek Light Rail Station to Vallagio at Inverness, a popular, successful and forward-thinking Transit Oriented Development. Its location provides an ideal link to major employment centers and encourages pedestrian, bicycle and light rail use.

The bridge also provides connections for RTD call-n-Ride shuttle services to the Dry Creek Light Rail Station. It spans 171 feet and is 12 feet wide to accommodate both bicyclists and pedestrians. The bridge includes 12 bicycle racks and an elevator.

The \$2.5 million project is jointly funded by Inverness Metropolitan Improvement District, Arapahoe County and federal sources, including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. White Construction Group built the bridge for Arapahoe County.

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