

News From
**The Colorado
Department
of Transportation**



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To: News Directors, Editors, Traffic Reporters

***Media Event and Photo Opportunity
CDOT and Arapahoe County Break Ground on the
Parker Road/Arapahoe Road Improvement Project***

WHAT: A groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction on the final phase of the Parker Road/Arapahoe Road interchange improvement project. The \$16.4 million phase will construct a grade-separated interchange and the corresponding ramps. When complete, Parker Road will run over Arapahoe Road and the traffic signal on Parker Road will be removed for free-flowing traffic at the interchange.

WHO: Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners will join Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Deputy Executive Director Peggy Catlin for this groundbreaking ceremony.

WHEN: **Monday, June 21, 2010 at 9 a.m.**

WHERE: In the empty lot on the southeast corner of Parker Road and Arapahoe Road.*

WHY: Currently, the intersection of Parker Road and Arapahoe Road carries approximately 110,000 vehicles a day and by 2030 is expected to carry 170,000 vehicles a day. The grade-separated interchange will improve safety and mobility as the intersection will become a fully-functioning interchange with ramps and limited traffic signals. Free-flowing traffic on Parker will benefit Arapahoe Road by eliminating the red light signal time on Arapahoe Road that is currently needed to provide for the Parker Road through movement.

VISUALS: CDOT and Arapahoe County will officially kick off the project by moving dirt.

**From Denver, take southbound I-25 to Arapahoe Road and go east on Arapahoe Road. Travel through the intersection of Parker Road and make an immediate right into the lot in the southeast corner. Flaggers will be on site to direct traffic into the lot.*

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