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Arapahoe County's Public Works and Development, Facilities and Fleet Management departments recognized for excellence

Littleton, Colo. --- The Arapahoe County Public Works and Development and Facilities and Fleet departments continue to demonstrate innovative excellence by receiving three first place awards from the Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

Arapahoe County received first place in the Streets & Traffic – Engineering/Operations/Maintenance – Large Community category for its Traffic Signal Health Index Program, which identifies and prioritizes traffic signals in need of repair and/or replacement to ensure a more efficient and safer travel environment for the public.

It is the first program of its kind that looks at the health of traffic signals, remaining service life and maintenance needs to assist in prioritizing programmed maintenance and replacement. The system also shows trends in signal deterioration, which helps staff predict future needs and better long term budgeting. The program was a partnership with the County's traffic signal maintenance provider WL Contractors, Inc, and is already being reviewed by other agencies for replicating the program in their area.

"I continue to be impressed by employees' efforts to look at new and innovative ways to serve our citizens with the most efficient use of taxpayer funds," said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who serves as Board Chair. "The traffic signal program allows the County to better identify and fix maintenance issues before they affect the public and flow of traffic."

Public Works and Development also placed first in the Environmental Design/Maintenance/Operations – Large Community category for its Peoria Facility Runoff Control Plan. The plan was developed in partnership with the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority to enhance stormwater quality and protect the environment. In an effort to reduce sediment runoff, off-site erosion and to meet stormwater quality requirements, the County built a concrete washout system that removes sediment from Vector Truck treated water.

Facilities and Fleet Management won first place in the Engineering/Construction Management – Large Community category for the District Attorney's new office tenant improvements. In an effort to create space for several new courtrooms at the Justice Center, the County purchased a 45,000 square-foot building to relocate the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office. The project focused on energy efficiency, safety and security, while remaining within budget.

The County's Public Works and Development department works to build strong, attractive and harmonious communities through well maintained roads, a solid infrastructure and enforcement of zoning, land development and animal control codes. Facilities and Fleet Management provides full service physical plant

operations management, capital construction management, project management, lifecycle maintenance/repair of all vehicles and equipment and organization-wide mail processing/distribution services. To learn more visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us.

The American Public Works Association is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services.

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APWAawards_2010: The Arapahoe County Public Works and Development and Facilities and Fleet departments continue to demonstrate innovative excellence by receiving three first place awards from the Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Pictured left to right: Arapahoe County employees Steve Miller, Wayne Cooper, Jerry Maschka, Kelly Moden, Jim Katzer.