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Pedestrian Bridge over Cherry Creek at Kentucky Avenue opens July 26 A 10 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration to take place at bridge site

Glendale, Colo. – A new pedestrian bridge will be dedicated July 26 at the junction of Kentucky Avenue and Cherry Creek Drive South. The bridge, which crosses the Cherry Creek, will provide additional connectivity between Glendale, Denver, Arapahoe County, Cherry Creek Regional Trail and the Four Mile Historic Park and is a trail improvement project that will serve area residents, employees, shoppers and recreational enthusiasts.

“The project was years in the making, but will now be enjoyed by thousands of daily users of the popular Cherry Creek trail system,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen. “We congratulate the City of Glendale and the Cherry Creek Basin Working Group for their vision, the funding partners for their commitment to this project and the citizens of Arapahoe County for their support of the Open Space program.”

The pedestrian bridge is a regional intergovernmental joint project spearheaded by the Cherry Creek Basin Working Group. This group, made of more than 15 municipalities and organizations in Arapahoe, Denver and Douglas Counties, works together to better serve the open space, park and trail needs of the Cherry Creek Watershed. The pedestrian bridge concept was explored for a number of years and finally came together as a regional trails enhancement joint project in 2012. Glendale received \$194,000 in Arapahoe County Open Space funds to support it, with the remaining \$621,420 coming from Tri-County Health Department, City of Glendale, Greenway Foundation, Great Outdoors Colorado and the City and County of Denver.

Funding for a portion of the project was made possible by the citizens of Arapahoe County through the voter-approved Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax, which is dedicated to preserve open space, enhance parks, build trail connections and protect heritage areas. In November 2011, voters opted to continue the Arapahoe County Open Space program that extends the quarter of a penny sales and use tax to Dec. 31, 2023.

Since the Open Space program's inception in 2004, the County's Open Space program, through strategic partnerships with municipalities, special districts and non-governmental organizations, has conserved more than 31,000 acres of open space, built more than 51 miles of new trails and created and enhanced numerous neighborhood and regional parks

For more information on the Arapahoe County Open Space program visit www.arapahoegov.com.

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