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Arapahoe County approves Arapahoe Road corridor study *Study to serve as a guide and planning document for future road improvements*

LITTLETON, CO --- The Arapahoe Road Corridor Study, which serves as a guide for future transportation improvements on the heavily-used road, was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners June 2.

The Arapahoe Road Corridor Study, a 20-month study that was completed in 2007, provides alternatives for improving mobility, accessibility and safety, while balancing local community needs along Arapahoe Road.

Continued growth and development in the southeast Denver metropolitan area is causing pressure on the east-west travel between Parker Road and I-25. Arapahoe Road provides the major east-west travel link from the southeast metropolitan area to employment and retail centers along I-25, including the Denver Tech Center.

Current and projected traffic volumes and increasing traffic congestion along Arapahoe Road between I-25 and Parker Road prompted Arapahoe County to initiate the corridor study to address regional mobility and local accessibility needs for today and well into the future.

The study explores and defines the most appropriate set of improvements to best move traffic through the Arapahoe Road corridor area, while considering the unique context of this rapidly developing area. Recommendations include improvements to the I-25/Arapahoe Road interchange, the Arapahoe Road corridor, parallel and intersecting roads, urban design treatments, transit services and bike/pedestrian facilities.

The study was funded by Arapahoe County, the cities of Centennial and Greenwood Village, Federal Highway Administration, and the Colorado Department of Transportation. The engineering firm David Evans and Associates conducted the study, which included four public meetings and feedback from citizens, local governments, regional agencies and businesses along the corridor. This input was instrumental in helping shape the study's recommendations.

“This is an excellent study that outlines a plan of action to ease congestion on one of the most heavily traveled corridors in Arapahoe County,” said Commissioner and Board Chairman Susan Beckman. “After four general public community meetings, numerous regional and specific interest group meetings, and input from hundreds of citizens, the community has made it clear that they want us to address traffic congestion on Arapahoe Road.”

In addition to the study, Arapahoe County has led efforts to secure federal, state and local funding for improvements to the Parker and Arapahoe Road intersection, and is currently working with the cities of Greenwood Village and Centennial to secure funding to improve the Arapahoe Road and I-25 interchange.

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