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**EXTENDED CLOSURE PLANNED FOR
WELD COUNTY IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSECTION**

WELD COUNTY, CO – Beginning October 22, 2012, the Weld County Department of Public Works will begin working on road improvements at the intersection of County Road 53 (formerly State Highway 37) and County Road 60.5 (formerly State Highway 263). The improvement site is located two and a half miles north of Kersey and three miles east of the Weld Greeley Airport.

The closure, which will allow the Public Works Department to make safety improvements to the intersection, is scheduled to last approximately 21 days. The improvement project consists of adding right and left turn lanes on County Road 53, adding a left turn lane and right acceleration lane on the east portion of County Road 60.5, and adding an acceleration lane on the west portion of County Road 60.5. Additional improvements will include new culverts, drainage ditches and larger radii on the major corners allowing for safer truck-turning at the intersection.

Detour routes will be clearly marked in the area directing the traveling public passed the work zone.

Improvements to this intersection began in early September, with flaggers directing traffic through the work zone, and have now reached the point where the closure of the intersection is now necessary to complete the improvements.

Weld County Public works appreciates the public's patience during this project. To view the detour map, please visit www.weldgov.com.

For more information about this project, please contact: Wayne Howard, County Engineer at whoward@co.weld.co.us or 970/304/6496 ext. 3788 or Don Dunker, Project Engineer at ddunker@co.weld.co.us or 970/304/6496 ext. 3749.

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