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**CDOT ADJUSTS TRAFFIC LIGHT TIMES ON HIGHWAY 85
FOLLOWING REQUEST BY COMMISSIONERS**

WELD COUNTY, CO –At the request of the Weld County Board of Commissioners, Don Hunt, Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation, authorized CDOT personnel to adjust the timing of the traffic lights on Highway 85 at 1st Street in LaSalle, as well as 37th Street and 42nd Street in Evans. Because of road closures, particularly Highway 34, traffic volume on Highway 85 has increased and traditional signal times were causing commuters to backup along the highway.

The signal times were adjusted Monday night and will remain at their adjusted lengths for the foreseeable future.

“We appreciate CDOT’s quick response to our request,” said Weld County Commissioner Sean Conway. “Due to the increase in traffic volume as a result of the flood, drivers were experiencing delays of up to two hours in commuting between Greeley and LaSalle. The change in the timing of these lights should dramatically reduce those delays.”

The Board is also working with CDOT on other options on Highway 85 if the traffic light adjustments do not improve traffic between LaSalle and Greeley.

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