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Re: HWY 392/CR 23 Project Completed

IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED AT HWY392/CR 23 INTERSECTION

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners celebrated the completion of State Highway 392 and Weld County Road 23 intersection project Wednesday with a ribbon cutting. The project improves highway infrastructure and results in a safer intersection as well as less traffic congestion.



The \$3.8 million project was paid for through funds from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Weld County, the North Front Range MPO, Windsor and Severance. The local sponsors over-matched the project at 20 percent of the total project cost instead of the standard local match of 17.21 percent of the total project cost.

Weld County applied for the STP-Metro funds from the North Front Range MPO on behalf of all the communities, but each agency contributed to the project. Severance provided \$125,000, Windsor provided \$175,000, Weld County provided \$873,000 and CDOT administered funds provided \$2,627,000.



"This project is a great example of regional cooperation," said Commissioner Sean Conway, who championed the project as a member of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO). "The completion of this project marks the conclusion of a four-year effort to make one of the most dangerous

intersections in Weld County safer for the traveling public."

"This collaborative effort was incredible in that various communities and agencies came together to address a safety issue in Weld County," said Public Works Commissioner Coordinator William Garcia. "Weld County was happy to administer the grant funds on behalf of all the agencies and hopes this partnership sets an example for future collaborative safety projects."

Weld County Road 23 was an existing offset intersection and had numerous safety issues and a substantial accident history. From 2005-2008, 17 traffic accidents occurred at the intersection of WCR 23 and SH 392. The construction improvements aim to reduce the number of accidents by aligning the intersection of the roads. The project alleviates safety issues by aligning the north and south legs of WCR 23 and improving sight distances on SH 392, as well as adding turning lanes and widening the truck-turning radius.

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