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WELD COUNTY TO HOST TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT; SENATOR CORY GARDNER TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

WELD COUNTY, CO – As transportation needs continue to grow in Northern Colorado, Weld County government has committed to hosting a half-day seminar on June 15 dedicated to sharing updates, information and concerns regarding public infrastructure north of the Denver-metro area. Transportation Summit 2015: Meet the Challenge and Help Navigate the Road to the Future, will be held at the Exhibition Building at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley. The event is open to the public and will feature panel discussions, a presentation by political strategist Steve Gordon regarding alternative funding ideas for transportation projects, and a keynote speech by U.S. Senator Cory Gardner.

"Northern Colorado is facing significant Infrastructure issues," said Weld County Commissioner Sean Conway. "This summit will bring the public and local, state and federal leaders to the table to discuss solutions for our transportation problems.

"Transportation affects our lives in so many ways. The public needs safe routes for travel, businesses need reliable and accessible routes for commerce. If we don't address transportation now, Northern Colorado overall will suffer."

Doors will open at 7:30 for networking and a continental breakfast provided by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. and is expected to last until 2:00 p.m; lunch will be provided by Weld County. While the event is free, registration is required.

"The purpose of the Summit is to discuss solutions," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. "Through panel discussions and question and answer sessions, we will explore not only issues but also answers to the challenges we currently face in Northern Colorado with regard to our roads."

To register for the event, please call 970-304-6496 ext. 3762 or email jflesher@weldgov.com and please put "Transportation Summit 2015" in the subject line. The event is free, but registration is required by June 9th.

The event is sponsored by Weld County, BizWest, Anadarko, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region, the Highway 85 Coalition and the North I-25 Coalition. Invited speakers include Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, U.S. Representative Ken Buck, U.S. Representative Jared Polis, U.S. Representative Ed Perlmutter, Loveland City Councilmember Joan Schaffer, City of Fort Collins Mayor ProTem Gerry Horak, Town of Windsor Mayor John Vasquez, Chair of the Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance Steve Tool, City of Greeley Mayor Tom Norton, City of Fort Lupton Mayor Tommy Holton, Town of Eaton Mayor Scott Moser, Town of Firestone Mayor Paul Sorensen, State Senator Randy Baumgardner, State Representative Brian DelGrosso.

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