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WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICIALLY OPENED THE PARKWAY ON NOVEMBER 10

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners opened the Weld County Parkway on Tuesday afternoon during a ribbon cutting ceremony on the Cache la Poudre River Bridge. Exactly thirteen months after the Parkway groundbreaking ceremony, Weld County elected officials, project team members from the Department of Public Works, Flatiron Constructors and Atkins were joined by the Platte Valley Fire Protection District, the Weld County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard and Weld County residents to celebrate the grand opening of the road. Also in attendance were the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Executive Director Irv Halter and the DOLA Regional Manager for North Central Counties Don Sandoval. Weld County received a \$3.1 million grant from DOLA for this project.



From left: Commissioner Steve Moreno, Commissioner Sean Conway, Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer, Sheriff Steve Reams, Commissioner Mike Freeman, Commissioner Julie Cozad and DOLA Executive Director Irv Halter.

To start the celebration, the Weld County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard posted the colors and held a moment of silence in honor of Veterans Day. After the commissioners thanked project team members and provided a short project recap, they each cut through a board on a barricade (made from scrap materials) to signify the opening of the road. Once the ceremony was complete, attendees drove north over the Cache la Poudre River Bridge to WCR 60.5 to see Weld County's first owned and maintained stop light.

"Transportation is a major component of our economy, and this roadway is exactly what Weld County needs for future development," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. Commissioner Mike Freeman stated, "not only is the Parkway an additional north-south roadway for residents and the traveling public but also a road that is designed to remain open during a flood emergency like we had in 2013."

"The Parkway is another 'get 'er done' project for Weld County," said Commissioner Sean Conway, Coordinator for the Department of Public Works. "In just thirteen months, Weld County was able to turn a bare field into a four-lane road without raising taxes and remaining debt free. It's a very exciting day!"



The Weld County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard closes out the ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday. The first cars to drive on the open Parkway wait to go north over the Cache la Poudre River Bridge.

For more information about the Weld County Parkway, visit www.weldgov.com.

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