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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **WELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECEIVES ENERGY AND MINERAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE GRANT**

WELD COUNTY, CO – This month, the Weld County Board of Commissioners approved a \$200,000 Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant (EIAF) from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). This grant will help pay for the costs of materials during the three-mile full-depth reconstruction (FDR) of WCR 44 from WCR 43 to WCR 49. The total cost for this project is estimated to be \$793,912, and all the work will be performed by Weld County Public Works crews.

Full-depth reconstruction is a process the Department of Public Works developed in order to rebuild a paved roadway impacted by oil and gas truck traffic. This type of reconstruction allows Public Works to use a cement-treated base to reinforce the subgrade, which is below the asphalt, in order for the road to continue to support heavy-truck traffic.

“By using the full-depth reconstruction method, Public Works will be able to add many years of life to Weld County Road 44,” said Commissioner Sean Conway, Coordinator for the Department of Public Works. “This process also saves time and money due to less trucking of materials and reusing a portion of the existing road.”

WCR 44 is also a part of the county’s 2016 Haul Route Program (HARP), which is designed to improve roads impacted by the oil and gas industry’s heavy hauling on county roads. As part of the HARP program, Public Works employees continuously work with the energy industry to identify and designate appropriate routes for haul trucks.

“Weld County is the most active oil and gas county in the state,” said Commissioner Pro Tem Mike Freeman. “As a result, the impact of the increased traffic on our county roads is significant and requires more frequent maintenance.”

Public Works also submitted a second EIAF Grant to DOLA for \$200,000 on December 1 to help pay for the costs of materials on another two miles of WCR 44 from WCR 43 to WCR 39.

For more information about the Weld County Department of Public Works, visit [www.weldgov.com](http://www.weldgov.com).

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