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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **WELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECEIVES TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT**

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners announced the Weld County Department of Public Works received the prestigious Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for \$51,000; Weld County will provide an in-kind match of \$12,750. The Public Works project was one of 19 projects in northeastern Colorado to receive these federal funds apportioned to the state.

Public Works will use the funds for eradication of noxious weeds along County Road 390 from Highway 14 to Hereford and County Road 37 from County Road 22 to State Highway 52. This project will help reduce erosion and enhance water quality. Also, by removing tall plants, Public Works will increase the visibility and safety for the traveling public and maintenance staff. This project will establish native grasses and wildflowers for pollinator species habitat.

“The long-term goal is to reduce roadside maintenance costs of mowing and spraying,” said Commissioner Sean Conway, coordinator for Public Works. “With the re-vegetation in this area it will make it much easier to reduce future maintenance costs.”

Weld County is receiving state TAP grant funds for the first time. “This was a competitive grant process that included requests from local governments in Boulder County as well as 16 Eastern Plains counties,” said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. “This project was selected for its uniqueness to address safety issues along our state highways.”

This project will run from spring 2015 through spring of 2017.

For more information on noxious weeds and weed management in Weld County visit [www.weldweeds.org](http://www.weldweeds.org).

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