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### WELD COUNTY TO INSTALL NEW MULTI-WAY STOPS ON SEVEN WELD COUNTY INTERSECTIONS

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners approved the installation of new multi-way stops at seven Weld County intersections. These intersections include: 16<sup>th</sup> St and Fern Ave, CR22 and CR41, CR32 and CR39, CR44 and CR43, CR44 and CR39, CR54 and CR47, and lastly, CR8 and CR37. Each of these intersections currently have a traffic control device (meaning they have a stop sign or yield sign in place), but due to increased traffic are in need of additional stop signs.

The Weld County Department of Public Works conducts a county-wide Hazard Elimination Study every year, with this year's study finding these seven intersections to be "hotspots" for high levels of traffic and resulting above average accident counts. The Department of Public Works suggested to the Board of Commissioners these "hotspots" receive multi-way stops to account for this increase in traffic and to reduce the possibility of accidents.

"A crash analysis was completed for each intersection," commented Janet Lundquist, Support Services Manager for the WCDPW. "We then used a Safety Performance Function (SPF) graph to determine where there were safety issues."

Multi-way traffic stops were chosen as a solution for these intersections as they can be installed quickly to control traffic and can be used to determine areas where further traffic control is needed. These stops are intended to help drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists determine right-of-way at an intersection.

"Weld County is growing," noted Weld County Board of Commissioners Chair Mike Freeman, "It's crucial we continue to evaluate the safety of our roadways and intersections as they see more traffic and make any improvements we can."

"Our Public Works Department does a good job analyzing data throughout the county to determine how we can continually make county roads safer for the traveling public," said Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, Coordinator for the department this year. "The Board appreciates their dedication to safety and for providing guidance to the Board on action items that will benefit our residents."

To find out more about the Weld County Department of Public Works, road closures, and Weld County traffic control techniques, go to <http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/PublicWorks/TrafficandSigning.html>

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