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WELD COUNTY INSTALLS NEW STOP SIGNS

WELD COUNTY, CO – During their Monday meeting, the Weld County Board of Commissioners approved the installation of new stop signs on Weld County Road (WCR) 61.5 in the southbound direction at WCR 66. This t-intersection is located in unincorporated Weld County and is a gravel roadway.

After a request from a Weld County resident to review the area, Public Works found the average annual daily traffic (AADT) had increased in the area making it necessary to install stop signs for the protection of the public's safety. As of July 2014, the AADT for WCR 61.5 was 96. The traffic count for WCR 66 was taken in October 2015 with an AADT of 123.

"The Board appreciates residents suggesting areas for evaluation," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. "With over 3,000 miles of county roads to maintain, it is difficult for the Weld County Department of Public Works to always know where drivers are having problems."

Weld County follows the recommended stop sign guidelines set forth by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which suggests that stop signs be placed on the side of the intersection that has less traffic volume.

"Although this t-intersection has not had any recorded accidents in the past five years, installing stop signs will allow better safety measures for the future," said Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, Commissioner Coordinator for Public Works. "It is important for the Board and Public Works to listen to the public recommendations and take a proactive approach to monitoring our roadways."

The stop signs will be installed by the middle of July. To indicate the change, Public Works will install stop-ahead signs and place large orange flags above the stop signs to ensure drivers are aware of the upcoming change.

If you would like to suggest an intersection for stop sign evaluation, please call Public Works at 970-304-3750, and for more information about roads in Weld County, visit www.weldgov.com.

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