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WELD COUNTY INSTALLS NEW STOP SIGNS

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners approved the installation of several new stop signs throughout unincorporated Weld County.

Average Daily Traffic Count (ADT)

Location		ADT	
WCR 36	WCR 29	81	134
WCR 90	WCR 15	49	164
WCR 90	WCR 19	138	90
WCR 100	WCR 33	216	37

Stop signs will be placed on the east and westbound lanes of WCR 36 and WCR 29 as well as the north and southbound lanes of WCR 90 and WCR 15, and WCR 90 and WCR 19. All of these roads are gravel and have rolling hills creating sight distance issues. Stop signs will also be installed on the north and southbound lanes of WCR 33 and WCR 100. This area has recently been developed and during their site evaluation, the Weld County Department of Public Works determined a stop sign

was necessary as traffic has doubled causing a need for a controlled intersection to properly keep traffic flowing. Public Works also received requests from residents to have these areas evaluated for stop signs.

"It is important for the Board to listen to the public's recommendations and take a proactive approach to controlling county roads," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. "Although these areas have not had any accidents, installing stop signs will allow us to provide better safety measures for the future."

Weld County follows the recommended stop sign guidelines set forth by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which states, the use of stop signs on the minor-street approaches should be considered if engineering judgment indicates that a stop is always required because of one or more of the following conditions:

- The vehicular traffic volumes on the through street or highway exceed 6,000 vehicles per day;
- A restricted view exists that requires road users to stop in order to adequately observe conflicting traffic on the through street or highway; and/or
- Crash records indicate three or more crashes that are susceptible to correction by the installation of a stop sign have been reported within a 12-month period, or that five or more such crashes have been reported within a 2-year period. Such crashes include right-angle collisions involving road users on the minor-street approach failing to yield the right-of-way to traffic on the through street or highway.

"Public Works maintains over 3,000 miles of county roads, which makes it difficult to always know where drivers are encountering problems," said Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, Commissioner Coordinator for Public Works. "We appreciate feedback from the public on how to improve the safety of our roads."

The stop signs will be installed by the beginning of March. 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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