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## NEWS RELEASE

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### COUNTY TO BEGIN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT SH 392 AND WCR 74

WELD COUNTY, CO – Drivers along State Highway 392 will soon see safety improvements at the intersections of both Weld County Road (WCR) 74 and WCR 69. Because of the skewed angle of SH 392, the intersections create safety issues for the traveling public. The fact is, regardless of how much traffic is on that road, the intersections will remain a safety concern until they are aligned perpendicularly (at 90 degree angles) with SH 392. Therefore, this much needed safety improvement project is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2017 and will also include a dedicated left turn and acceleration/deceleration lane along SH 392.

"The county identified these intersections in 2013 as projects to be included in our Public Works Capital Improvement Program," said Weld County Commissioner and Public Works Coordinator Barbara Kirkmeyer. "We applied for, and received, a \$1 million RAMP grant (Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships) from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and will soon be in the process of selecting a contractor to work on the improvements."

The project, which will cost an estimated \$5,934,820 total, is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2017. The \$1 million of CDOT RAMP funds will be paired with \$1 million in funds from NGL, which has a facility located at the northwest corner of the existing intersection, to help pay for the project. The NGL payment is part of the company's USR agreement with the county which states they are responsible for a percentage of the improvement costs to the intersection based on their traffic volumes. The county will pay the remaining amount – approximately \$3.9 million.

"Safety on our roads is of utmost importance to us," said Weld County Commissioner Chairman Mike Freeman. "We are glad to finally get started on these improvements."

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