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First Public Meeting Scheduled for Parker Road Corridor Study Study aims to improve mobility and accessibility from Hampden to E-470

Members of the public will soon have an opportunity to voice concerns and share ideas about how to improve Parker Road (SH 83) between Hampden and E-470. The Parker Road Corridor Study will hold its first public meeting on December 6th at the Arapahoe Library District Support Services Building (12855 E. Adam Aircraft Circle). The meeting will be an open house from 5 to 7:30 p.m., with a brief presentation by the project team at 6 p.m.

Arapahoe County has contracted with the engineering firm David Evans and Associates to examine alternatives for this major regional arterial. The study goal will be to balance improved regional mobility, local accessibility, and enhanced safety, while identifying potential improvements that minimize impacts on neighborhoods and the environment.

The study will consider all modes of transportation, including mass transit, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. It will also address the larger role Parker Road plays in north-south mobility as it extends south from Denver (as Leetsdale Drive) to the fast growing communities south in Douglas County. The majority of funding for the 18-month study will be from federal funds, and the remainder shared among Arapahoe County, Douglas County and City of Aurora.

The first phase will include gathering public input, existing conditions analysis, as well as concept development and refinement. The work will be closely coordinated with local governments and agencies, community residents, corridor businesses and commuters to identify a long-term plan for Parker Road that

best meets the study goals and objectives. Community members are invited to the public meeting to offer assistance in identifying solutions that best serve the region, as well as the local communities.

“The Parker Road Corridor Study will follow a similar process to that recently completed for the Arapahoe Road Corridor Study,” said Bryan Weimer, Capital Improvements Program Manager in Arapahoe County’s Engineering Division.

A project web site has been created to keep the public updated on the progress of the study. “As the study moves forward, we will be posting various concepts and design alternatives for Parker Road,” said Joe Hart, project manager with David Evans & Associates, Inc. “We look forward to working with corridor stakeholders to determine the best solution for accommodating existing and future travel needs. Those interested in the corridor are encouraged to visit the web site to make comments and sign up to receive project mailings”. The web site can be found at: www.parkerroadcorridor.com.

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