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Draft Recommendations Determined for Improving Parker Road Public input needed on suggested improvements

Arapahoe County, CO — A package of recommended operational and design improvements have been identified for the Parker Road corridor between Hampden and E-470. The community will have the opportunity to give input on these proposed improvements at the fourth and final public meeting on January 15th at the Shalom Park Retirement Community (14800 E. Belleview Dr.). The meeting will be an open house from 5 to 7:30 p.m., with a brief presentation at 6 p.m.

The recommendations include improvements to the roadway corridor, major intersections, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, transit services and system management elements.

An Access Control Plan is also being completed consistent with the corridor recommendations for adoption by local agencies. This Plan will document the specific locations and operational characteristics for all driveway and public street intersections from Hampden Avenue south to the Arapahoe/Douglas county line. The Draft Access Control Plan will be presented at the meeting for comment.

“This final set of recommended improvements is the result of 17 months of analysis, screening and refinement of a wide array of improvement options, with continuous feedback from the public and local agencies,” said Bryan Weimer, Transportation Division Manager in Arapahoe County’s Public Works Department. “We believe these improvements will achieve the vision for the corridor by offering

the greatest operational benefits at a feasible cost, while minimizing impacts to corridor communities and the area environment.”

Upon conclusion of the Corridor Study and endorsement by local agencies in a few months, additional studies for environmental clearance will be necessary for each major improvement element prior to construction. The timeframe for implementation of the long-term study recommendations will depend on the availability of public funding.

“In addition to developing long-term corridor improvements, we have also used feedback received from the community to identify operational and safety improvements that could be funded and completed in the near-term” said Joe Hart, project manager with David Evans and Associates, Inc. These short-term improvements will also be presented at the meeting for comment.

For more information on the Corridor Study, please visit: www.parkerroadcorridor.com.

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Location of Public Meeting:

