

TO: The Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager
DATE: October 8, 2024
RE: **County Manager Report**

- **Learn More About the November 2024 General Election in Douglas County - Find official election information and view a sample ballot on DouglasVotes.com ([full story](#))**



Ballots for the Nov. 5, 2024, General Election will be mailed to eligible voters in Douglas County beginning on Oct. 11, 2024. That means now is the time to visit Colorado's secure, statewide voter registration database, [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://www.govotecolorado.gov), to:

- Register to vote
- Check your voter registration status
- Select your political affiliation
- Update your mailing address if it has changed since you last voted in a Douglas County election. This will ensure you receive your mail ballot and other important election information.

Effective in January 2025, Douglas County will move to the new 23rd Judicial District. The District Attorney race for the 23rd Judicial District is on the Douglas County ballot, but Judge Retention Questions will still be listed for the 18th Judicial District where Douglas County judges previously served. For official voter resources and election information, or to chat with Elections staff, visit [DouglasVotes.com](https://www.douglasvotes.com), or contact Douglas County Elections by phone at [303-660-7444](tel:303-660-7444).

- **Lots of leaves to rake? Fall drop-off sites available for all of your needs - Leaf drop-off program helps divert leaf waste from landfills, open Saturdays in November ([full story](#))**



As the seasons change, so do your yardwork needs. As you plan for fall clean up, you can help keep leaves out of the landfill by using free drop-off sites in Douglas County, including the Slash-Mulch site through Oct. 26 and a free Fall Leaf Collection site, open Saturdays in November through Nov. 16.

[Leaves](#), [slash](#), and [green yard waste](#) like grass clippings will still be accepted at the County's slash-mulch site from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 26. Then, only leaves will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 2, Nov. 9, and Nov. 16. The site is located at 1400 Caprice Drive in Castle Rock.

Yard waste and leaves are professionally composted. Slash is turned into free mulch for resident pickup. Thank you for utilizing this service to keep leaves and other yard waste out of landfills and from blocking storm drains. Leaves entering the water system can bring excess nutrients that can be better used as compost. [Learn more about how to discard this type of waste online.](#)

Office of Emergency Management

- Douglas County Heli-tack responded to three wildfires and three smoke reports in the last two weeks. Two wildfires were in Douglas County at the USFS Turkey Tracks Shooting Area (pictured below) and were safely extinguished with Douglas County's support. The third wildfire was an assist to Jefferson County at the Lockheed Martin property near Waterton Canyon. The fire was in rugged terrain with difficult access and Douglas County's helicopter helped ensure the fire did not grow rapidly and threaten any structures. The three smoke reports all turned out to be false alarms.



- Staff continued providing instruction to the 2024 Citizen Emergency Response Training (CERT) cohort.
- Staff attended the Colorado Incident Management Team Conference in Colorado Springs.
- Staff participated in a regional Wildfire and Emergency Management Science and Technology workshop hosted by the US Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Secretary, Dimitri Kusnezov.
- Staff participated in Elections emergency response planning meetings with interdepartmental members.
- Staff delivered a Mass Care presentation to Jefferson County emergency management partners.
- Staff participated in partner county exercises as evaluator for Jefferson and El Paso counties.

Community Development

Parks, Trails, And Building Grounds

- **Volunteer Program Update** - Four volunteer events were hosted in September.
 - On September 28, 2024, 70 volunteers came to Challenger Regional Park to plant trees as a part of the County-wide Dougnad event. 140 hours of service were provided, and the volunteers planted 240 trees!



- The volunteer program hosted the Douglas County Leadership Academy for their annual service day at Highland Heritage Regional Park on September 13, 2024. They participated in three tasks: tree planting, trash cleanup, and sand volleyball pit restoration. These leaders planted 10 trees, filled six bags of trash, and added 12 tons of sand to the volleyball pit. Twenty-four participants dedicated 60 hours of service to this event.



- Shoreline Cleanup at Bingham Lake on September 13, 2024 was attended by 10 volunteers who provided 20 hours of service and filled two bags of trash.



• **Volunteer Statistics for 2024**

Month	# of Hosted Events	# of Volunteers	Hours of Service	Bags of Trash Collected	Trees Planted	Beds Maintained	Mullein Weeds Eradicated
March	3	9	18	11	-	-	-
April	3	52	104	14	500	-	-
May	5	39	114	1	255	22	-
June	5	17	33	5	2	3	2,000
July	3	19	32	5	8	-	-
August	3	9	16	-	4	-	-
September	4	109	230	13	250	-	-
Totals	26	254	547	49	1,019	25	2,000

The volunteer program is offering the following events in October:

- 10/2 – Landscape Bed Maintenance at Fairgrounds Regional Park
- 10/3 – Landscape Bed Maintenance at Highland Heritage Regional Park
- 10/10 – Shoreline Cleanup at Bingham Lake
- 10/14 – Flower Planting at the Philip S. Miller Building
- 10/17 – Wildflower Seed Planting at Bluffs Regional Park
- 10/18 – Wildflower Seed Planting at the East/West Trailhead (Schweiger Ranch)
- 10/24 – Trash Pickup at Fairgrounds Regional Park
- 10/29 – Trash Pickup at Highland Heritage Regional Park

- **Synthetic Field Rejuvenation** - Maintaining synthetic turf is another task Douglas County Parks staff completes throughout the year. Monthly inspections, sweeping and debris removal all contribute to a high-quality playing surface. The structure of synthetic turf consists of plastic fibers that are infilled with a material called crumb rubber which helps to cushion the surface and help the fibers stand upright. Over the 12–15-year lifespan of the turf it becomes necessary to add more infill to prolong the playability of the surface.

Every three years, an assessment is performed to determine the amount of rubber needed for replacement in order to maintain a safe playing surface. The assessment resulted in a need to add infill material to 10 of the 11 synthetic fields. Approximately 100 tons of material was added and swept in with a large grooming machine.



- Concrete Replacement** - Every year, Parks budgets \$200,000 for concrete replacement throughout all the park properties to address any safety concerns that arise. The Parks Division works with Douglas County Public Works and outside contractors to perform the repairs. Issues that were addressed recently include, ADA compliance, lifting of the surface and excessive trip hazards.



- Counter Update – as of 9/24/24:**

LOCATION	2023 Total through August	2024 Total through August
Bayou Gulch Regional Park – Dog Park	19,167	13,773
Bingham Lake	61,499	62,490
Bluffs Regional Park	110,847	115,062
Cherry Creek Regional Trail – Pinery	33,505	22,807
East/West Regional Trail – Grigs Trailhead	31,584	36,158
East/West Regional Trail – Monarch Trailhead	N/A	14,341
East/West Regional Trail – Schweiger Ranch	4,838	11,055
East/West Regional Trail – Stepping Stone	N/A	29,507
Fairgrounds Regional Park – Dog Park	44,111	38,121
High Line Canal – West	42,344	24,105
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Coyote Run Loop	4,849	7,625
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Incline Trailhead	52,691	54,910
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Newlin's Gold	N/A	871
Totals	405,435	430,825

- **Rueter-Hess Reservoir Updates**

- **Volunteer Program** - The Volunteer program at Rueter-Hess has begun. In August and September Rueter-Hess Reservoir had 6 volunteers for a total of 25 volunteer hours. The rangers helped train each volunteer on greeting guests, how to field questions and giving visitors directions to the water launch area as well as how to inspect watercraft for aquatic nuisance species (ANS). All the volunteers were greatly appreciated, and we look forward to more in the future.

Planning Resources

- **Are you intrigued by history? Discover and learn through free events and experiences.** Free Archaeology Day Expo is Saturday, Oct. 19, at Red Rocks Park & Amphitheater; also explore new virtual tours of historic properties and artifacts at douglas.co.us ([full story](#))



Pictured: International Archaeology Day 2023

Are you fascinated by history? Do you love learning about the past and want to explore free resources and adventures in learning? Check out a free day of learning and natural beauty with your family at Colorado’s iconic Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater on International Archaeology Day 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, 18300 W. Alameda Parkway in Morrison.

Tours are free to attend, though space is limited, so please sign up in advance. For more details and a schedule, visit the [official webpage](#). This free and educational Expo is supported by the sponsorship and participation of Douglas County. Historic and Natural Resources is one of the six core priorities of the Board of Douglas County Commissioners.

Community Services

- **Aurora Regional Navigation Campus** - On September 19, 2024, the City of Aurora hosted a tour of the recently purchased Crowne Plaza Hotel which will be renovated during 2025 to become the Aurora Regional Navigation Campus. Commissioners Abe Laydon and Lora Thomas along with Dan Makelky, Jenn Eby, and Tiffany Marsitto attended the tour. Once completed, this facility will provide shelter and supportive services for those who are unhoused in Douglas County and throughout the region.



- **Parker Senior Center Annual Resource Fair** - Jennifer D'Ambrosio and Kim Smith participated in the Parker Senior Center Annual Resource Fair held on September 19, 2024, at the Parker Fieldhouse. They distributed important resource information to over 61 attendees.



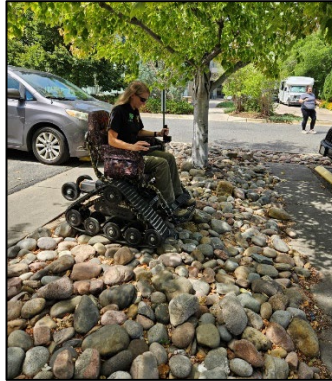
- **Seniors' Council Presents "Aging Well, Finishing Strong"** - The Seniors' Council of Douglas County held an "Aging Well, Finishing Strong" event for 50 registered participants on September 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Douglas County Events Center in Castle Rock. Barb Lotz and Alyson Young from All Seasons Health, and Renet Greer from Greer Law, LLC, presented information regarding things to consider as one ages, such as the estate, care needs, wills and more. A \$10 fee was charged for materials and participants received a Legacy Binder containing helpful resources and allowing them to add their own materials as they begin planning. Jennifer D'Ambrosio and Kim Smith provided support for this event. Evaluation forms indicated positive event feedback.



Open Space and Natural Resources

- Open Space staff is attending a meeting series developed by Jefferson County Open Space to discuss user **trail accessibility** with various open space agencies across the Colorado Front Range. The series is intended to bring partners together to discuss current issues and industry trends that will help to connect all users to open space. Series topics will include standardization and uniformity of trail standards across jurisdictions. Such trail standards could include design, trail markings/signage, and online information regarding accessible trails.

The most recent meeting attended was held at Craig Hospital in Englewood, CO. Craig hospital specializes in neurorehabilitation and research for individuals with spinal cord and brain injuries. They are able to bring a great perspective to the table as they utilize many different mobility devices on many trails in open spaces throughout the metro area.



(An Open Space Ranger test driving a trail mobility chair (Track Chair) over rocky terrain)

- Douglas County’s Sandstone Ranch Open Space has very **senior water rights on Gove Creek** which is part of the South Platte watershed. These water rights are put to beneficial use from April through October to flood-irrigate the north hay pasture on the guided side of Sandstone Ranch. This pasture is utilized by our lessee, Welch Brothers Cattle, who move cattle through the pastures during certain parts of the year. The pastures are then hayed to use for feed over the winter season.

These water rights must be put to beneficial use to be retained. Through a partnership with Perry Park Water and Sanitation District, infrastructure was placed on the Gove Ditch to account for water used further downstream and measure the diverted water to fulfill the District’s allotment. Future maintenance is scheduled in conjunction with the District to better deliver the full amount of water to the pasture and the District’s stage gauges.



(New infrastructure along the Gove Creek irrigation ditch that measures and diverts water)

- OSNR has been partnering with the **Cherokee Ranch and Castle** for over two decades to bring the Elk Bugling Program Series to the public. Each year program attendees learn about the elk species and populations in Douglas County through presentations from Open Space staff. Conservation easements on Cherokee Ranch and adjacent properties have protected the land that the elk use for habitat and migration. This protection has resulted in populations that use this resource year-round and during the fall rut season. This year’s programs have been held on September 19, 24, 26, 27, October 1 and 3.



(Program attendees on the patio deck of the Cherokee Ranch and Castle viewing elk with binoculars and cameras that could be seen in the pasture below)

Public Works

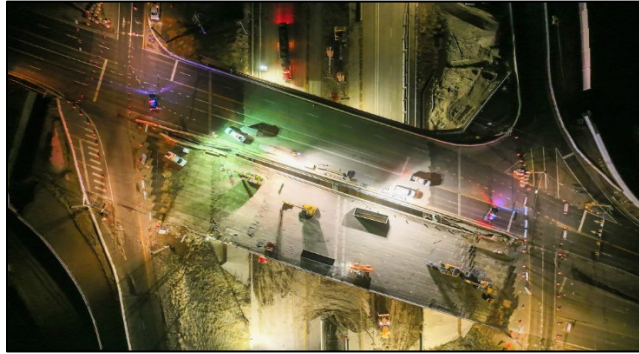
- **Denver Media Gets Real-Life with Douglas County Public Works** - Annual snow operations are central to public safety – and a key component of media coverage during winter weather. For every storm, the media wants to know how we're preparing.



To help local media understand our approach to winter weather operations, Public Works and Communication and Public Affairs hosted a media day on Sept. 18. All Denver-area and local media were invited to Public Works Operations in Parker to hear from Dan Roberts, interview operators, ride in a snowplow and drive a snowplow simulator. The goal was to provide video and soundbites for them to use during winter weather coverage later this year. Reporters from Fox 31 and Denver 7 – including traffic reporter Jayson Luber – attended. Fox 31 aired one story, and we expect further coverage in October



- **Update on US 85 Between Highlands Ranch Parkway and C-470** - The widening and reconstructing of the segment of US 85 between Highland Ranch Parkway and C-470 started in October 2022. The goals and objectives of improving the overall US 85 corridor between I-25 and C-470 is essential to the growth in Douglas County. Congestion, safety, lack of multi-modal infrastructure, and the need to accommodate anticipated population were factors in determining the improvements that are now being implemented.

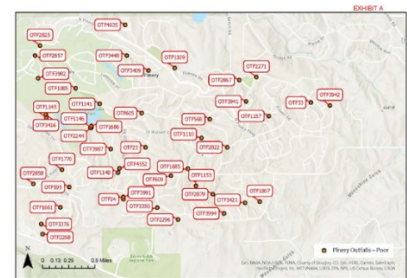


Currently, crews will close US 85 between County Line Road and the eastbound C-470 ramp intersection along with the westbound C-470 on- and off-ramps to pave the new roadway on the bridge over C-470 and connect the new westbound ramps and the installation of a new drainage pipe will be placed below the westbound C-470 on-ramp before being paved. Project deliverables are on time and scheduled to be completed in Fall of 2025. [Project webpage](#) Recent article: [Colorado DOT Tackles Congestion and Growth with \\$130M Upgrade to US 85 Corridor - Rocky Mountain Construction](#)

Activities for September 23 – October 4, 2024

Active Projects

- **West Frontage Road Relocation (aka Dawson Trails Blvd Project) -** Douglas County and the Town of Castle Rock have partnered to construct the new road called Dawson Trails Blvd. Construction started on September 9, 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2025. For further information about this project, visit: [West Frontage Road Relocation Project](#)
 - Traffic Impacts: Construction will occur Mon - Fri from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday work will occur with approval. There will be no construction work on major holidays.
- **Pinery Outfall Repair Project:** Began on July 17, 2024 and is on-going.
 - The Pinery Outfall Repair Project will clean and expose the outfalls that have been located and inspected in the Pinery Subdivision. There are about 40 outfalls that are in poor condition that need cleaning and then repairs. The work being done at this time involves cleaning and exposing the outfalls only, no repairs at this time. Work will be intermittent as crew availability allows. (See map for all locations).
- **Ridgeglen Way Storm Sewer Replacement Project:** This project began on September 16, 2024 and is anticipated to conclude on November 15, 2024.
 - Summary of project: Excavation will begin October 9, 2024. This project is going to replace approximately 343 LF of corrugated metal pipe that has reached its life expectancy and install two new manholes for access for future maintenance needs. Driveway and street access will be maintained, but there may be minor delays as Ridgeglen will be a one-lane road during this project.
- **West Frontage Road (Town of Castle Rock project)- Long-term Closure between Territorial and Tomah Roads -** On August 19, crews closed the section of the West Frontage Road between Territorial and Tomah roads. Local access to businesses and residences along West Frontage Road will remain, but no through traffic will be allowed. This



estimated 18-month closure will allow crews to safely build the new interchange and relocate this portion of the West Frontage Road to its new permanent location, west of the BNSF Railway tracks. [Closure and detour information](#)

- **University Blvd (between Crossland Way and Crosspointe) Small UV CIPP Storm Sewer Lining Project –** Completed Friday, September 20, 2024.
 - Summary of project: Our contractor completed the lining of the storm sewer that goes across University Blvd between Highland Heritage Regional Park and Cheese Ranch Historic Park. A section of pipe in Cheese Ranch Historic Park also needed to be excavated and lined.
- **Sterling Ranch Filing #7-A** - Three Sons Construction is installing storm pipe (DV #2023-410).



- **Bear Ridge Subdivision** - Nordstrom Construction is installing storm sewer (DV #2021-287).



- **Highlands Ranch Filing #112-A Subdivision** - Martin Marietta is placing asphalt on Ironwood Street and Cactus Bluff Street (DV#2021-251).



- **The Canyons Subdivision** - Clyde Construction is installing storm sewer and inlets (DV#2023-323).



Building

- **Inspections, Permits and Valuations from September 16 - 27, 2024:**

Inspections		
	Building	1240
	Electrical	877
	Mechanical/Plumbing	621
	Roofing	372
Permits		
	Accessory Use	40
	New Commercial	12
	Residential Alteration	0
	New Residential	36
	Roofing	173
Valuations		
	Accessory Use	\$635,437
	Commercial	\$4,622,440
	Residential Alteration	\$1,790,694
	New Residential	\$11,393,560

- **Letters of Credit (LOC) and Warranties**
 - **Meridian International Business Center Filing 7, 7th Amd., DV2021-187:** A Sight Draft was prepared for the County Manager’s signature to draw upon this LOC. LOC is for GESC Permit security in the amount of \$53,381.00. No action will be taken if the LOC is amended to extend the expiration date to 10/19/24.
 - **Warranty Performance Security: All phases of Canyons South Filing 1.** Draw on LOC from JP Morgan Chase Bank in the amount of \$2,259,357.17. LOC expires October 15, 2024. No action will be taken if an amendment to extend is received.
 - **GESC Permit Security: Canyons South Filing 1.** Draw on LOC from JP Morgan Chase Bank in the amount of \$599,904.00. LOC expires October 15, 2024. No action will be taken if an amendment to extend is received.

Maintenance Programs

- **Grading Operations:** During this reporting period, at total of 68 lane miles were graded on 26 county roads for a total cost of \$43,165.53.

Type of Program	Miles YTD	Total Cost
Grading Operations	2,849	\$1,036,058.72



- **Culvert Inspection Report:** During this reporting period, inspections were completed at 7 locations.
 - Summary (YTD)
 - Total Inspections Completed – 659
 - Good – 378
 - Fair – 125
 - Poor – 1,110
 - Severe - 46
 - Upcoming inspections scheduled for: Sterling Ranch Filings 5B and 6.



- **Paved Road Repairs:**
 - **Asphalt Repairs (including pothole patching)** - During this reporting period, potholes were repaired at 21 locations.
- **Concrete Patching** – During this reporting period, concrete patching was completed on four streets.
 - Total Cost of Paved Surface Construction this reporting period: \$46,194.68.
- **Sweeping Program:** Sweeping operations removes particulate matter and improves air quality to meet metro area quality standards. Regular sweeping removes sand, debris, leaves, and trash that can cause unsafe conditions for motorists, bicyclist, and pedestrians. And protects and improves water quality before it can enter storm sewers and drainage ways.

During this reporting period, sweeping was completed in 18 areas.

- A total of 1,443 yards of debris YTD were swept and removed from residential and arterial roads.
- Total Cost of Sweeping Maintenance for this reporting period: \$5,071.28
- **Ice Mitigation** – During this reporting period, ice mitigation was completed on Cornerstone Lane. A total of two inlets and four area drains were installed.

- **Invasive Weeds Management Program:** Bare ground treatments took place on two county roadways. YTD: 1,428 swath miles have been mowed and 334 acres have been sprayed. Total cost for invasive weed control during this reporting period: \$31,553.29.
- **Surveying:** The new traffic signalization at Lucent Blvd. and Plum Valley has commenced. Survey markings were placed to assist the Traffic Contractor with caisson potholing and placement. Staff provided the initial survey for this design back in 2021. Avoiding many underground utilities can be tricky, so in this instance, potholing will embark on a much more thorough swath (diameter AND depth) to ensure a clear placement path. Now that detailed survey data has been collected, the design for the ingress and egress improvements to Ben Franklin Academy on Plaza Blvd can commence. Turn lanes will greatly assist traffic flows during student drop-off and pick-up.

Fall and year-end also bring routine annual calibration, configuration, cleaning, and maintenance of survey equipment to ensure precise and accurate usage in the New Year. Such 'tuning' also confirms and concludes that past measurements were done well within tolerances. This is being done ahead of schedule this year.

During this reporting period: 600 locates received and 173 located.



Traffic

- **Special Events - [Additional details for Special Event Permits](#)**
 - In Review: Nov 28 – Repeat Event: ETF2024-039 Turkey Day 5K
 - Approved: Oct 5 – Repeat Event: ETF2024-020 Sterling Ranch Concert in the Park
- **Pedestrian Improvements at Plaza Drive and Pennylane Way:** Douglas County staff recently improved the pedestrian crossing at the Plaza Dr and Pennylane Way intersection. The County received several requests from Lockheed Martin employees expressing difficulty crossing Plaza Dr during lunch.

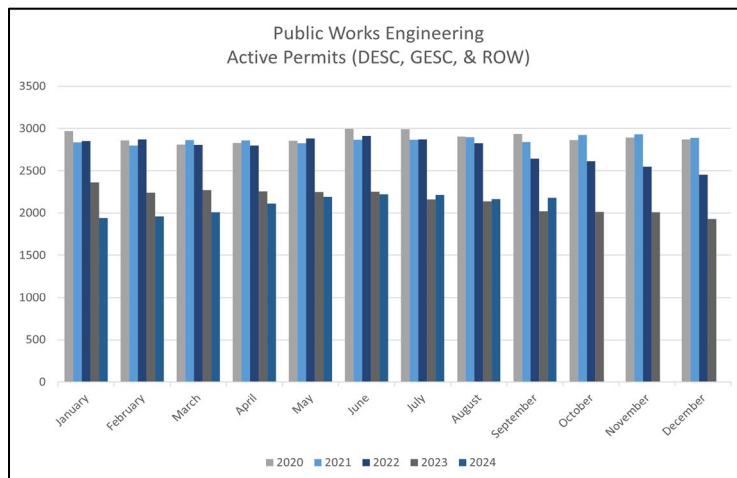
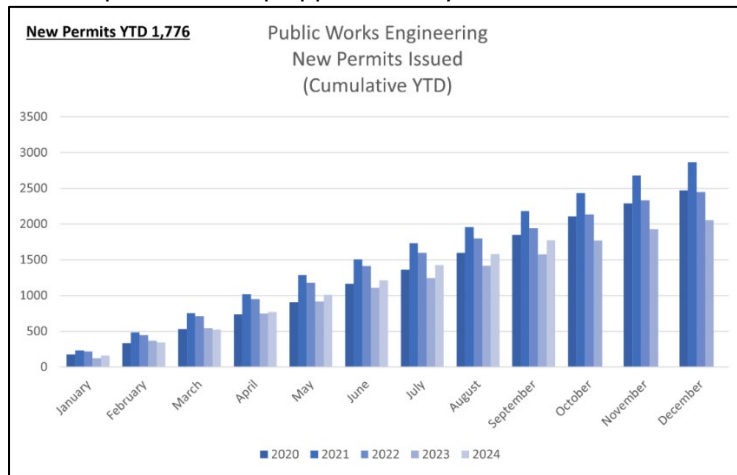
In response to these requests, Traffic Engineering completed an engineering study that showed approximately 70 pedestrians crossing Plaza Dr daily during the midday peak. Based on this study, Traffic Engineering developed a pedestrian improvement plan incorporating crosswalk and yield markings, signage, rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB), and a pedestrian refuge island.

In July, Public Works Operations staff assisted Traffic Services in constructing a raised median island that included a refuge for a two-stage pedestrian crossing. In August and September, Traffic Services installed pavement markings, drive bases, sign supports, pushbuttons, and pedestrian signs with solar-powered RRFBs.

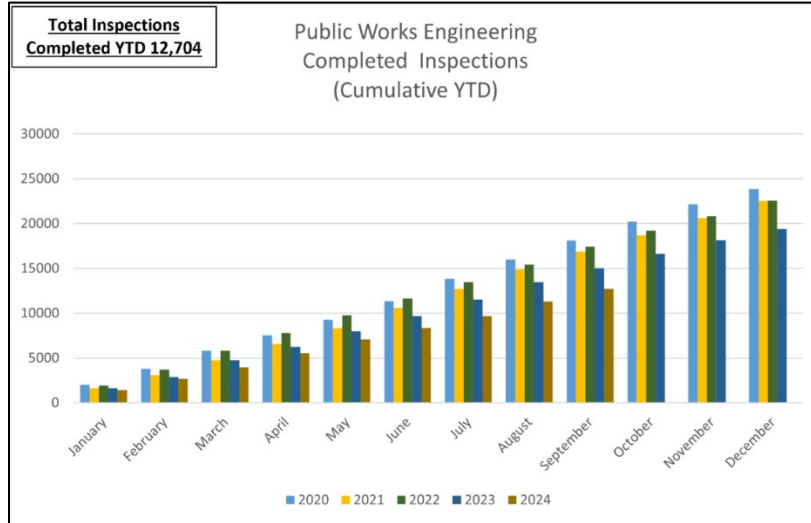


Photos showing the before and after the pedestrian crossing improvement on Plaza Drive and Pennylane Way.

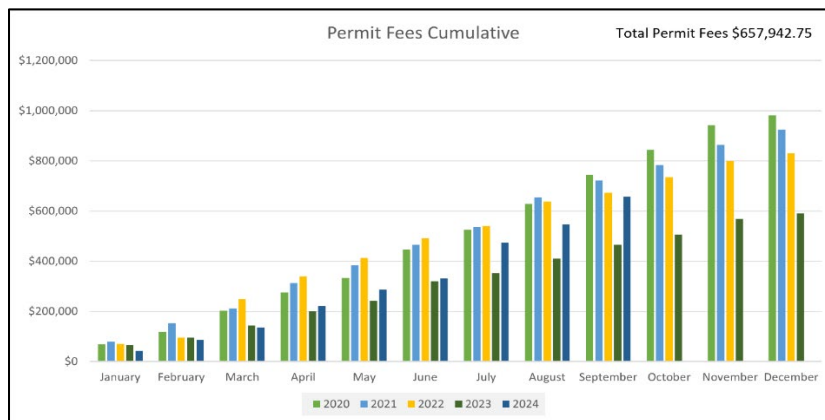
- The total YTD number of **new** Public Works DESC, GESC, and ROW Permits is up approximately 12% from 2023, and the total active permits are up approximately 8% from 2023.



- Total Inspections: The total YTD number of Public Works DESC, GESC and ROW Inspections are down approximately 16% from 2023.



- **Permits Revenue:** YTD total permit fees are up approximately 41% from 2023. YTD total permit fees are up approximately 41% from 2023.

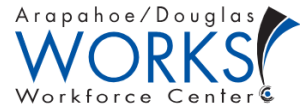


Human Services

Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

- [A/D Works!](#) received an Excellence in Workforce Award from the [Colorado Department of Labor and Employment](#). This award is a testament to the agency’s continued commitment to serving jobseekers and businesses through a customer-centered approach. Arapahoe/Douglas Works! provides access to quality career pathways, work-based learning opportunities, and best-in-class programs and services, ensuring a strong return on investment in our communities that contribute to the economic vitality of the region and state!
- The Colorado Works team is doing an exceptional job of co-enrolling participants into the [Colorado Works Subsidized Training and Employment Program](#) (CW STEP). In the month of September, two participants have been able to receive additional training funds through CW STEP in order to start work-based learning and training opportunities. One participant is starting a twelve-week work experience helping a local company with developing digital and operational infrastructure and the other is training to become a Certified Phlebotomy Technician.

- On September 4th, A/D Works! hosted its first Veterans’ Networking event at the Sturm Collaboration Campus. There were 25 veterans in attendance and eight business partners. Veterans practiced their 2-minute elevator pitch in front of the group and received real time feedback from the business partners and attendees. The pitches ended with a networking opportunity to learn about jobs available that matched their skill sets. [Veteran priority of service](#) is always honored at A/D Works! and this quarterly VIP event is a way A/D Works! ensures priority of service.
- On September 19th, A/D Works! participated in a [National Association of Workforce Boards](#) (NAWB) webinar, [SNAP Employment and Training Partnerships: Opportunities to Better Serve Job Seekers on SNAP](#). The webinar focused on diverse program models, options to leverage SNAP Employment and Training funding, and tips on establishing partnerships with local SNAP agencies. Our Workforce Programs Manager was a panelist and highlighted the great work of our Douglas County Employment First Program.
- On September 12th, A/D Works! held an open house for job seekers, businesses, and community partners. Career Services and Business Services staff presented on what A/D Works! does and the services that are provided at no-cost to job seeker and businesses. A/D Works! also provided tours and an opportunity to network. This event was attended by approximately 25 people, many giving thanks for hosting the event to learn more.



Facilities, Fleet and Emergency Support Services

Facilities (County-wide)

- **Justice Center:**
 - Patrol Furniture Capital Project - 96% complete
 - Clerk of Courts Phase III, IV and V - 99% complete
 - Liebert BAS Upgrade – 95% complete
 - DA’s remodel – 85% complete (pictured right)
 - K9 Memorial, front entrance to JC – 85% complete
 - Elevator Modernization J, K, L, M – 20% complete
- **Louviers:** Entry points wood replacements – 100% complete
- **Miller:** Variable Frequency Drive Project - 95% complete
- **Wilcox:** Fabricated and installed the first solid surface countertop on the 1st floor – 25% complete
- **Clerk & Recorder:** Remodel Phase 1 – 10% complete (pictured right)



Fleet

- **Recently Completed:**
 - In-serviced unit 23028, 24041 and 24043.
 - Auto glass service provider RFQ/IFB specs and submittal.
 - PW Ops GPS installations – 95% complete
 - Unit 24001 new spray bars (pictured right)

- **Working on:**
 - Fuel site management software upgrade installations this week.
 - Emergency fuel site backup systems.
 - 2024 Budget Acquisitions specs/quotes.
 - Two units remaining to be spec'd and P.O.'d.
 - Trello, project management software implementation.
 - Snow removal equipment ahead of 2024/2025 season. (pictured right)



- **Fleet Acquisitions:**
 - 2022 Asset Replacements & ADDs (103 Assets)
 - Budgeted – 1 at upfitter, 65 received
 - Additional/Unbudgeted – 2 at upfitter, 31 received
 - Risk Mgt Replacements – 4 received
 - 2023 Asset Replacements & ADDs (72 Assets)
 - Budgeted – 8 at upfitter, 53 received
 - Additional/Unbudgeted – 9 received
 - Risk Mgt Replacements - 2 received
 - 2024 Asset Replacements & ADDs (83)
 - Budgeted – 2 in process, 30 P.O.d; 21 at upfitter, 16 received
 - Additional/Unbudgeted – 4 in process, 7 received
 - Risk Mgt Replacement – 3 received

Douglas County Fairgrounds and James R. Sullivan Events Center

Fairgrounds Events (past two weeks): Celebration of life, Weather Safety Training, PE Plus, Friends of the NRA Fundraiser, Fallama Fest Llama Show (Pictured), Junkin Market Days, Farmers Market, Kids Market, Hard beauty Foundation, Barrels Practice, Plumb Creek Kennel Club, NVRH Finals, LAN Fest Video Tournament, Elite K-9, Auggie’s Birthday, DC Elections, Leadership DC, Castle Rock Home Show



- **Fair & Rodeo:**
 - Show Management 10/2
 - Livestock Sale 10/2
 - Marketing 10/7
 - Guest Services 10/7
 - Rodeo 10/9
 - Entertainment 10/9

- Executive 10/10
- Fair Board 10/17

Commissioner Work Session – September 24, 2024

- **BEAD Funding Request** - Representatives of Comcast presented an overview of the grant request being made to the State for BEAD funding (Federal grant funds allocated to improve broadband infrastructure and connect unserved and underserved or households and businesses). The grant application requires approval and a letter of support from the Commissioners.
Motion - Support Comcast's BEAD Grant funding request with State of Colorado and Chair to sign the letter of support on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. (Letter provided 9/27)
- **Potential Property Acquisitions-Executive Session – No Notes**
Motion#1 – Follow the recommendations of staff with regard to the potential real estate acquisitions. Passes 3-0.
Motion#2 – For people that are involved in the process to follow the recommendations we made in the session. Passes 3-0.

Commissioner Work Session – September 30, 2024

- **Elections Security Discussion – Executive Session – No Notes**
Motion- Direct County Communication Department to develop a fact or fiction this is objective and truthful, indicating a response to the question – Are our Elections safe? Passes 3-0.
- **2025 Budget Discussion** - Staff gave an overview of the preliminary budget and discussion was had. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled for more detailed discussion related to the various categories.

Planning Services Activity Report

Completed Projects					
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	09/18/24	Canyons South Filing 4	Request to subdivide 153 single-family lots, 1 superblock lot, and 6 tracts on 520 acres.	Final Plat	SB2023-036
1	09/18/24	9056 E Parker Rd, 10th Amendment	Outdoor learning area at existing church and private school.	Admin USR Amendment	US2024-012
1	09/18/24	Chambers Highpoint Filing 1, Lot 1	2 nd referral request - Town of Parker for 192 residential units with detached garages	External Referral	RE2024-120
1	09/18/24	Meridian Int'l Business Center Filing 5, 10 th Amd, Lot 3A-1A, 1 st Rev, 1 st Mod	Request for vacuum additions within car wash parking lot.	SIP Modification	SP2024-073
3	09/19/24	Highlands Ranch Filing 141, 10th Amd, Lot 4C-1A, 2 nd Mod	Minor facade and ATM revisions to existing bank.	SIP Modification	SP2024-074
3	09/23/24	Highlands Ranch Filing 16, Tract A, 1 st Rev, 4 th Mod	Eligible Facilities Request. Verizon Wireless to replace antennas & equipment on existing cell site.	SIP Modification	SP2024-059
1	09/24/24	Meridian Int'l Business Center Filing 5, 3 rd Amd, Lot 12A, 1 st Mod	Request for installation of 9 EV charging stations.	SIP Modification	SP2024-075
1	09/30/24	9508A Inspiration Dr, 2nd Modification	Eligible Facilities Request. Dish Wireless to replace equipment on existing Xcel tower.	SIP Modification	SP2024-080
1	09/30/24	Highlands Ranch Filing 77A, Tract A, 4th Mod	Eligible Facilities Request. T-Mobile to install new ground equip. to cell site.	SIP Modification	SP2024-078
3	09/30/24	Arrowhead Colorado Metro District	New Service Plan for Arrowhead Colorado Metro District.	New Service Plan	SV2024-002

Referrals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	09/05/24	Stonegate Filing 22, 8 th Amd Lots 53, 55, 56 & 60	Condo map review for Stonegate Commons Condominiums - Building 56.	Administrative Replat	SB2024-050
2	09/05/24	1433 Lake Gulch Rd	Pumpkin Patch	Minor Ent Event	EE2024-005
2	09/06/24	Woodmoor Mountain Filing 1, Lot 18	15-foot encroachment into the 40-foot front setback.	Variance	VA2024-005
1	09/09/24	Meridian Office Park Filing 1, 41st Amd	Lot Line & Subdivision Boundary Adjustment for future development of townhomes.	Administrative Replat	SB2024-054
2	09/09/24	Happy Canyon Ranches, Block 1, Lot 3	Request to board up to 12 horses.	Administrative Horse Boarding	US2024-005
2	09/09/24	Meribel Village Filing 1, 8th Amendment	Lot Line Vacations and Adjustments resulting in 4 single family residential lots.	Administrative Replat	SB2024-049
2	09/11/24	Pinewood Knolls, Lots 7A and 8A	Request to adjust lot line between two residential lots.	Administrative Replat	SB2024-023
1	09/12/24	Castle View Filing 1, 2 nd Amd, Lots 1A and 2A	317-unit multi-family residential development.	Use by Special Review	US2024-009
1	09/16/24	Pinery Meadows, TR IN S1/2 10-7-66	Request by Pinery Water and Wastewater District for new well.	Location and Extent	LE2024-022
2	09/16/24	Macanta Regional Park	DC Parks & Trails to construct trail heads, parking, and various other public amenities.	Location and Extent	LE2024-023
3	09/17/24	5635 Kelly Ct	Request for development of outdoor storage facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2023-102
1	09/18/24	Meridian Office Park Filing 4, 10 th Amd, Lot 3E-1, 2nd Revision	Recreate the original sports complex to reflect existing construction conditions on site. No other improvements are proposed.	SIP Revision	SP2024-072
3	09/19/24	Sterling Ranch Filing 7B	75 single-family lots, 72 townhome lots and 2 superblock lots for future development.	Final Plat	SB2024-052
3	09/19/24	Range Preliminary Plan	Request to subdivide 550 single-family residential lots.	Preliminary Plan	SB2024-048
3	09/24/24	7745 Moore Rd	Request for 2 fundraising events during Halloween and Christmas.	Minor Ent Event	EE2024-006
1	09/30/24	13939 Ancestry Dr	Parker Water & Sanitation District request for water tank and communication tower.	Location and Extent	LE2024-025
1	09/30/24	Pinery Village Filing 1, Tracts C and H	Pinery Commercial Metro District for recreational and other improvements to the Cherry Creek Trail Pinery Trailhead.	Location and Extent	LE2024-024
2	10/01/24	Curtis / Stewart Exemption, 1 st Amd	Request to adjust property lines for two exempt parcels.	Exemption	EX2024-003

Upcoming PC Hearings

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	10/07/24	River Canyon Filing 2, 4 th Amendment	Request for continuance to November 18, 2024.	Minor Dev Residential	SB2024-019
2	10/07/24	Macanta Regional Park	Request from DC Parks and Trails for construction of trail heads, parking, and various other public amenities.	Location and Extent	LE2024-023
1	10/07/24	Pinery Meadows, TR IN S1/2 10-7-66	Request by Pinery Water and Wastewater District for new well.	Location and Extent	LE2024-022
1	10/21/24	13939 Ancestry Dr	Request by Parker Water & Sanitation Dist for water tank and communication tower.	Location and Extent	LE2024-025

Upcoming BCC Land Use Hearings or Meetings

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	10/08/24	Fee Modification Request from Runuphill Racing, LLC. at Rueter-Hess Incline	Request to modify fees for their race on November 16, 2024, at the Rueter-Hess Incline to \$6.00 per person with a guaranteed minimum payment of \$500.	Fee Waiver	-

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	10/08/24	Fee Waiver Request for the Platte River Academy Cross Country Meet at the Bluffs Regional Trail	Request for a fee waiver in the amount of \$175 from Platte River Academy for their 5 th Annual Cross Country Meet at the Bluffs Regional Trail on October 3, 2024.	Fee Waiver	-
2	10/08/24	Fee Waiver Request Girls Rugby Colorado Team at Pinery Park	Request for a fee waiver in the amount of \$200 for the use of Pinery Park grass field for practices on Oct 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2024.	Fee Waiver	-
-	10/08/24	Public Contract for Services Between Douglas County and the Crisis Center	Request for approval of the 2024 Public Contract for Services for up to \$135,000 for emergency shelter costs, client therapy, community-based advocacy, and legal advocacy services for residents.	Public Contract for Services	-
2	10/08/24	Oak Bluff Preliminary Plan	Request for 21 single-family residential lots and 3 tracts on a 106-acre site in Franktown (<i>continued from 09/24/24</i>).	Preliminary Plan	SB2019-038
2	10/08/24	Sundown Preliminary Plan	Request for 17 single-family residential lots and 3 tracts on a 72-acre site in Franktown (<i>continued from 09/24/24</i>).	Preliminary Plan	SB2019-046
3	10/08/24	County Line Storage Planned Development	Rezone from A1 and G1 to PD. The site contains a closed landfill and is part of David A. Lorenz Regional Park (<i>cont from 09/24/24</i>).	Rezoning - Planned Development	ZR2021-004
2	10/22/24	Pine Canyon Planned Development	Develop approximately 540 acres for residential and community use.	Rezoning - Planned Dev	ZR2020-010
3	11/19/24	River Canyon Planned Development, 11 th Amendment	Amend PD and rezone a portion of golf course and open space to bring 4 lots into the community (<i>continued from 08/27/24</i>).	Planned Development - Major Amd	ZR2024-009
3	11/19/24	River Canyon Filing 2, 4 th Amendment	Request for 8 single-family residential lots (<i>continued from 09/24/24</i>).	Minor Dev Residential	SB2024-019
2	11/19/24	Pinery Planned Development, 31 st Amendment	Increase dwelling units in PA 63 for future development of up to 45 residential lots (<i>continued from 09/24/24</i>).	Planned Development - Major Amd	ZR2023-002

Upcoming Liquor License Authority Hearings

Dist.	Date	License Type	Business Name & Address	Hearing Type	License No.
3	10/15/24	Beer & Wine	Dave's Hot Chicken - 1601 Mayberry Dr, Suite 104, Highlands Ranch	New License	LL2024-056

Pre-submittals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	09/19/24	7745 N Moore Rd	For family, friends and clients within the Halloween and Christmas time periods.	Minor Ent Event	PS2024-196
1	09/24/24	8566 Flintwood Rd	Rezone to LRR & subdivide to 4-10 acre lots	Rezoning	PS2024-194
1	09/25/24	Pinery Village Filing 1, Tracts C and H	Pinery Commercial Metro District 1 & 2 proposes improvements to the Cherry Creek trail head and parking.	Location and Extent	PS2024-119

Streamline Pre-submittals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	09/25/24	Nichols Exemption	Adjust lot lines between 4 parcels to accommodate a home remodel.	Exemption	PS2024-167

New Applications

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	09/19/24	Meridian Int'l Business Center Filing 5, 3 rd Amd, Lot 12A, 1 st Mod	Request for installation of 9 EV charging stations.	SIP Modification	SP2024-075
2	09/19/24	Castle Pines Filing 2A, 9th Amendment	Request to adjust the lot line between two residential lots.	Administrative Replat	SB2024-059
3	09/20/24	Sterling Ranch Filing 7C	Subdivide 432 lots and 22 tracts.	Final Plat	SB2024-060
1	09/23/24	Highlands Ranch Filing 77A, Tract A, 4th Mod	Eligible Facilities Request. T-Mobile to install ground equip. to existing cell site.	SIP Modification	SP2024-078
3	09/23/24	7745 Moore Rd	Permit for 2 fundraising events during Halloween and Christmas.	Minor Ent Event	EE2024-006
-	09/24/24	Plat Amendment - Howling Circle ADU	Elbert County - remove building envelope and construct an accessory dwelling unit.	External Referral	RE2024-121
3	09/24/24	Town of Sedalia, Block 18, Lots 4 and 5	As-built SIP to reflect existing uses and improvements and for parking lot detention.	Site Imp Plan	SP2024-077
2	09/25/24	Curtis / Stewart Exemption, 1st Amd	Request to adjust property lines for two exempt parcels.	Exemption	EX2024-003
3	09/25/24	Highlands Ranch Filing 139, Lot 1, 1st Revision	Request for revisions to outdoor use areas at existing childcare center.	SIP Revision	SP2024-079
1	09/25/24	Pinery Village Filing 1, Tracts C and H	Pinery Commercial Metro Dist recreational and other improvements to the Cherry Creek Trail Pinery Trailhead.	Location and Extent	LE2024-024
1	09/26/24	9508A Inspiration Dr, 2nd Modification	Eligible Facilities Request. Dish Wireless to replace equipment on existing Xcel tower.	SIP Modification	SP2024-080
2	09/26/24	Territorial Road Annexation	Town of Castle Rock - annexation of 3 areas along Territorial Road into the Town of Castle Rock's incorporated boundary.	External Referral	RE2024-122
2	09/27/24	2006 Kelty Rd	Request for approval of coffee shop and other commercial uses.	Site Imp Plan	SP2024-081
2	09/27/24	Castle Pines R-60 Sub, 1 st Amd, Lot 1, 1 st Mod	Request to add enclosed trash enclosure to existing office building.	SIP Modification	SP2024-083
1	09/27/24	13939 Ancestry Dr	Parker Water and Sanitation Dist request for water tank and communication tower.	Location and Extent	LE2024-025
-	09/27/24	Land Development Code - Natural Medicine Businesses	Arapahoe County - amendment to their Land Development Code to regulate natural medicine businesses.	External Referral	RE2024-123
3	09/27/24	Reynolds Industrial Park, Lot 29	Request for new commercial building and equipment and vehicle storage.	Site Imp Plan	SP2024-082

New Miscellaneous Jobs

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	09/25/24	Dominion Water and Sanitation District Lift Station	Site Application for Lift Station in Sterling Ranch.	MI	MI2024-032
3	09/26/24	Address Change Request for 8740, 8742, 8744 Lucent Boulevard	Approval of an exception to item 6.1.a.1. of the DC Addressing & Street Naming Manual for 3 buildings historically addressed on Lucent Blvd. The property owner requests addresses on Kendrick Castillo Way.	MI	MI2024-031

New Sign Permits

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	09/24/24	Highlands Ranch Filing 133A, 2nd Amd, Lot 7C	Designs Inspired by You - 3624 E Highlands Ranch Pkwy Unit #102.	Sign Permit	SG2024-117
3	09/30/24	Highlands Ranch Filing 122Z, 1 st Amd, Lot 150B	Taco Bell - 3984 Red Cedar Dr.	Sign Permit	SG2024-118

Special Event Liquor Permits

Dist.	Date	Event Name	Permittee Name & Event Address	Permit No.
3	09/18/24	Haunted Forest	HRCA Backcountry Conservation and Education Fund - 11033a Monarch Blvd.	LL2024-063
3	09/24/24	Chamber Music	Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Assoc - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.	LL2024-064
3	09/26/24	Cold Cases & Cocktails	Highlands Ranch Community Scholarship Fund - 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.	LL2024-065

Engineering Services Bid Calendar

Project Description	Plans Available to Contractors	Contractor Pre-Bid Conference	Project Bid Opening	Tentative BCC Approval Date
C-470 Trail & University Blvd. Pedestrian Grade Separation Project CI 2021-050	Sept.23, 2024	Oct. 2, 2024	Oct. 22, 2024	Nov. 19, 2024

This project consists of construction of a grade separation for bicyclists and pedestrians on the C-470 Trail to cross over University Boulevard, north of the C-470 westbound on and off ramps. The bridge will be a three-span prefabricated truss with precast concrete girders for the approach spans on concrete piers. Additional work includes trail modifications to tie into the existing trail system, curb and gutter, curb ramps, and drainage improvements.

Engineering Services Local Improvement District Activities

<p>Spring Canyon LID (Group 2) CI 2023-019 - 74 lot owners who are interested in grading, water, and sanitary sewer infrastructure, storm sewer infrastructure, aggregate base course, curb & gutter, hot mix asphalt, and erosion control as the major construction items.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •May 12, 2023 – Lot Owners have ordered a Utility Study •August 8, 2023 - Initial scoping meeting held •October 30, 2023 – BCC Work Session •January 30, 2024 – PW Staff has completed review of financial feasibility March 4, 2024 - A work session took place, and the BCC has decided they will not contribute financially to the LIDs but will allow the LID projects to move to the petition phase for the residents. •April 29, 2024 – 74 Petitions were mailed to property owners to determine interest in continuing with the LID process. •June 3, 2024 - 54 of the 74 required petitions were returned. •July 9, 2024 – Regular Business Meeting to consider Preliminary Order Resolution to create LID and accept petitions. •August 27, 2024 – Public Hearing for Creation of LID and set TABOR Election question was approved by BOCC via Resolutions R-024-096 and R-024-097. <p>Next: Election to be held on November 5, 2024.</p>
<p>2023 Bannock Drive LID - 41 lot owners who in the Perry Park West region on Bannock Dr east of Cheyenne Dr, along Quivas Rd, and Delaware Dr southwest of Elati Rd. If approved, the LID project would consist of grading, water, and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •July 24, 2023 – Lot Owners have submitted a Utility Study •August 23, 2023 - Initial scoping meeting held •September 6, 2023 – Meeting with District to establish participation and financial contribution •October 8, 2023 – Utility Study completed •October 30, 2023 – BCC Work Session •January 30, 2024 – PW Staff has completed review of financial feasibility March 4, 2024 - A work session took place, and the BCC has decided they will not contribute financially to the LIDs but will allow the LID projects to move to the petition phase for the residents.

<p>sanitary sewer infrastructure, storm sewer infrastructure, aggregate base course, curb & gutter, hot mix asphalt, and erosion control as the major construction items.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •April 29, 2024 – 40 Petitions were mailed to property owners to determine interest in continuing with the LID process. •June 3, 2024 – 31 of the 40 required petitions were returned. •July 9, 2024 – Regular Business Meeting to consider Preliminary Order Resolution to create LID and accept petitions. •August 27, 2024 – Public Hearing for Creation of LID and set TABOR Election question was approved by BOCC via Resolution R-024-094 and R-024-095. <p style="text-align: center;">Next: Election to be held on November 5, 2024.</p>
<p>Gore Drive and Independence Court LID - 8 lot owners in Sageport Filing 4 interested in grading, water, and sanitary sewer infrastructure, storm sewer infrastructure, aggregate base course, curb & gutter, hot mix asphalt, and erosion control as the major construction items.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •September 25, 2023 – Lot Owners have submitted a Utility Study •October 30, 2023 – BCC Work Session •October 31, 2023 – Initial scoping meeting held •January 30, 2024 – PW Staff has completed review of financial feasibility March 4, 2024 - A work session took place, and the BCC has decided they will not contribute financially to the LIDs but will allow the LID projects to move to the petition phase for the residents.