

TO: The Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager
DATE: July 28, 2026
RE: County Manager Report

Sheriff's Office

- **Advancing Public Safety** - At their Tuesday, July 14, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners voted to approve funding for new public safety technology to support the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.



The **\$1.9 million agreement** with Axon Enterprises includes their Skydio Drone as First Responder and Axon Outpost technologies. **Drone technology** will provide rapid aerial assessments for priority calls, search and rescue missions and wildfire response while improving responder safety. The technology is designed to **improve response times**, reduce unnecessary patrol responses and support investigations. The technology will **operate under strict privacy policies** that limit its use to specific incidents—not general public surveillance.

- License plate reader data will be automatically deleted after 30 days unless it is associated with an active criminal investigation.
 - Quarterly audits will be conducted to ensure compliance with department policies and Colorado law.
- **Mobilizing Search and Rescue** - At their Tuesday, July 14, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners voted to **approve \$223,000 in funding to support [Douglas County Search & Rescue](#)**. The approved funding includes \$175,000 for a new mobile command post and the organization's 2026 annual support contribution of \$48,000.

The current command post has reached its operational limits and can no longer safely carry needed equipment or support extended incident management. The replacement vehicle will provide additional capacity for communications equipment, lifesaving supplies and workstations to manage multiple search and rescue teams during complex incidents. A generous donor funded 50% of the \$350,000 project, with the remaining half previously budgeted by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle was delivered in late May after an approximately 15-month build. (*Douglas County Search & Rescue's old mobile command post (pictured left) and their new command post - pictured right*)

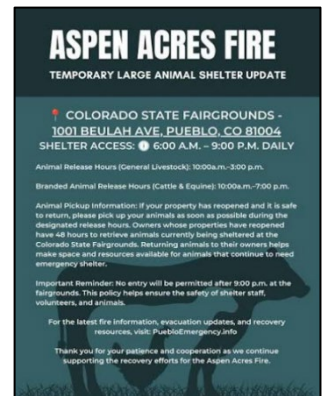


Office of Emergency Management

- Staff participated in the L-962 All Hazards Planning Section Chief course in Golden, CO, further strengthening our capacity to address emergencies. Currently, we are assisting Ouray County with a resource request for an EOC Manager at their Emergency Operations Center, contributing to both wildfire and flooding response and recovery efforts.
- We have completed monthly EOC training focused on logistics and resource requests.
- Held our quarterly Emergency Management Coordination Group meeting, which was well attended by many of our partners both locally and at the state.

- Staff supported a State of Colorado Resource Request for the Aspen Fire, providing assistance at the Pueblo County Animal Shelter located at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. This deployment was met with sincere appreciation from both Pueblo Emergency Management and the State OEM office. Staff continues to offer daily support through briefings and expert guidance.
- Ongoing work includes the development and implementation of evacuation zones throughout Douglas County and its municipalities.
- Actively working to update and improve OEM plans and continue progress on the EOC upgrade project. Douglas County Helitack was requested and responded to several grass fires in both Douglas and Elbert Counties, aiding in containment efforts.

(Photos left to right: Chaparral fire in Elbert Co on 7/9/26, Sedalia fire on Core Electric's property on 7/1/26, I-25 and Castle Pines Pkwy fire on 7/5/26)



Community Services

- **Community generosity ensures continued support for those experiencing homelessness** - The compassion of our community continues to make a difference in the lives of people in Douglas County who have fallen on hard times. Douglas County's Homeless Engagement, Assistance and Resource Team (HEART) received a \$2,500 donation from St. Philip Lutheran Church in Littleton, which will be directly used to help outreach efforts in our community.



Funds may be used for needs such as transportation, supportive services and other assistance to help those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. [Visit our webpage](#) to learn about the successful work of HEART this summer and how you can connect with the team.

Activity Report for July 10 – July 23, 2026

- **Link On Demand set to expand into Castle Rock this summer** - Whether heading to work, a doctor's appointment, the grocery store or dinner with friends, Castle Rock residents will soon have a new transportation option—and many other Douglas County residents will have more destinations. Riders will be able to request a ride to and from Castle Rock beginning Friday, July 31.

At their regularly scheduled Business Meeting on July 14, the Board of Douglas County Commissioners voted to approve a contract for \$1.9 million to expand the Link On Demand service south into Castle Rock. Funding for the program will come from the Road and Bridge Sales and Use Tax revenue allocated for Transit and Mobility projects. The Town of Castle Rock will contribute \$400,000 toward services in its town. [Visit our webpage](#) to explore the current Link On Demand service area, download the app and to book a ride.

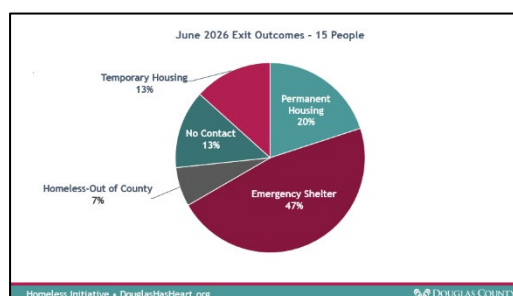
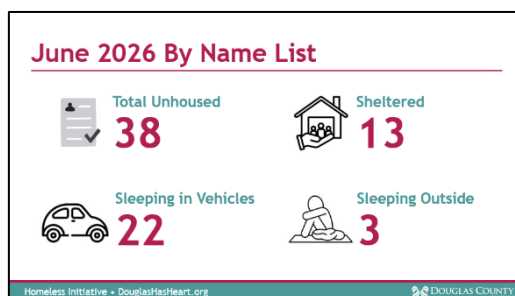
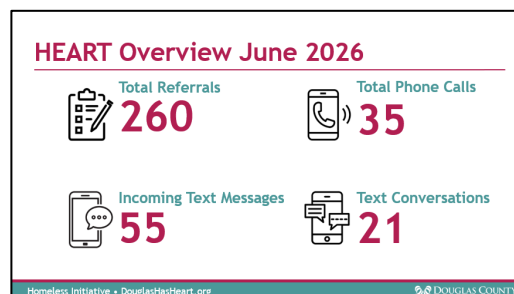


Projects or Grants

- **Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Grant** – The Board of County Commissioners approved the DRCOG AAA grant contract for older adult services and assisted

transportation at the July 14 Business Meeting. The total grant award, including matching funds is \$798,151, which will provide assisted transportation, chore, homemaker and personal care services to older adults in Douglas County between July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Douglas County subgrants funding to local providers, including ACASA Senior Care, Aging Resources of Douglas County, Castle Rock Senior Activity Center and Home Instead, which deliver services to older adult residents.

- **June 2026 HEART Report:**



Outreach and Engagement:

- **4-H Project** – HEART recently received a generous donation from a local 4-H member, Rebecca, who wanted to support vulnerable residents in Douglas County. She wanted her contribution to make a meaningful impact, and assembled snack bags filled with water, granola bars, fruit snacks, and protein bars. Rebecca’s mother contacted HEART, and together they delivered 20 thoughtfully prepared bags. These donations will be shared with participants during the Summer Point in Time (PIT) Count on July 27, helping ensure unhoused community members have access to needed nourishment and care.



Douglas County Youth Initiative (DCYI):

- **La Liga Summer 2026** – Youth Initiative staff participated and collaborated with Nueva Vida Church in Parker in the La Liga soccer program. Matt Kilian, Youth Initiative WrapAround Navigator, participated as a coach and mentor for the youth program. The Youth Initiative sponsored the league providing a jersey for each youth participant. In total 72 youth signed up to learn about soccer, sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect among other values. Matt, coached the high school team that won the end of season tournament.



Each youth on the winning teams for the middle school (pictured above left) and high school divisions received a trophy and a mini replica soccer ball of those used at the FIFA Men’s World Cup.

Parks and Recreation

Parks Programming

- **Synthetic Turf Replacement** - The synthetic turf replacement at the West Fields at Highland Heritage Regional Park is progressing as we enter the third week of work. The old turf has been removed, and the subgrade has been laser leveled. Field F, which has primarily been used for football and lacrosse practices

and games, will have the new turf laid down by the end of the week, with football and lacrosse, and the addition of soccer lines, installed. Installation of the new synthetic turf on Field E will begin next week. This project will be completed by July 31st.



- **Rueter-Hess Recreation**

- **Dive Rescue Training Enhances Public Safety at Rueter-Hess Reservoir** - On July 20, 22, and 24, Park Rangers partnered with South Metro Fire Rescue to host dive rescue trainings at Rueter-Hess Reservoir. Six dive teams practiced coordinated responses to water emergencies, reviewed communication protocols, and conducted simulated rescue scenarios.

This collaborative training strengthens emergency preparedness, improves coordination among first responders, and helps ensure a faster, more effective response to water emergencies, enhancing safety for everyone who visits the reservoir.



Strategic Solutions

- **Meet Your New Intern: AI Literacy Training Is Coming to Douglas County** - If you could hand off one task on your to-do list tomorrow, what would it be?
 - ✓ *Writing meeting notes?*
 - ✓ *Drafting emails?*
 - ✓ *Building the first version of a presentation?*

New AI tools can help.

Coming soon, Douglas County employees will have access to a new AI Literacy Training Program focused on practical ways to use tools like Microsoft Copilot and ChatGPT in day-to-day work. Whether you're curious about AI, skeptical of the hype, or already using it, the training is designed to meet you where you are.



What you'll learn

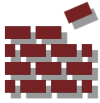
Training sessions will focus on the work you're already doing, such as:

- Drafting emails and documents

- Summarizing meetings and reports
- Working with information in Excel
- Creating presentations
- Using AI tools in Outlook, Word and Teams
- Understanding what information should and shouldn't be entered into AI tools

You'll leave with examples, prompts, and techniques you can start using right away.

Stay tuned for information on how to register.



Help shape the program. Before training begins, we're asking employees to complete a short survey to help us understand how AI is currently being used across the organization and where employees need the most support.

Your honest answers, especially where you're unsure, hesitant, or just haven't had the bandwidth to dig into AI yet, are exactly what will help us build a training program that fits where Douglas County teams are today. [Take the survey.](#)

Open Space and Natural Resources

- **Ribbon Cutting at the Historic Evans Homestead at Lincoln Mountain Open Space** - Historic Preservation



(HP) completed restoration of the historic Evans Homestead at Lincoln Mountain Open Space—one of Douglas County's oldest homesteads dating back to the 1870's. Emergency stabilization began in 2020 and was completed in 2023, with restoration efforts including foundation repairs, new exterior siding, windows, and a new shingle roof. Open Space and Natural Resources (OSNR) worked with HP to construct a new 1.74-mile round-trip trail connecting the Palmer Divide Loop to the homestead, providing public access to the site.

The project was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, July 18, providing a great opportunity for the public to experience the new trail and view the Homestead restoration work, interpretive signage, and historic artifacts found at the site. This collaboration between the Community Development Dpt, OSNR, and the Communications and Community Engagement Dpt preserved an important historic landmark for the community to enjoy for years to come.



- **Annual Conservation Easement Monitoring with Douglas Land Conservancy** - During the first two weeks



of July, Douglas Land Conservancy (DLC) staff conducted their annual monitoring of conservation easements on Open Space properties. Open Space and Natural Resources (OSNR) Land Management Specialists/Rangers accompanied DLC staff to provide site access and assist with monitoring activities.

DLC holds conservation easements on 21 Open Space properties, protecting approximately 15,000 acres. These perpetual agreements preserve the natural, historic, cultural, and scenic resources of each property. A baseline assessment is completed when an easement is established, documenting existing site conditions

and conservation values. Annual monitoring compares current conditions to the baseline to ensure the easement terms continue to be met.

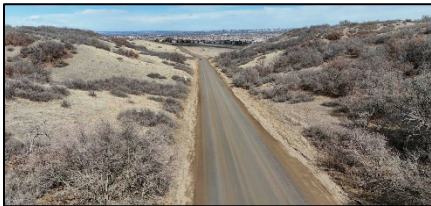
OSNR has received successful annual monitoring reports from DLC for more than 20 years, reflecting the department's continued commitment to conservation and employing land management practices that uphold these values.

Public Works

- **Planning for US 85 and Titan Road** - At their Tuesday, July 14, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners voted to approve a Public Contract for Services with RS&H for design of the Titan Road & US 85 Interchange Project.
 - The approved contract with RS&H for design services is **not to exceed \$4.5 million**.
 - **Design work includes** traffic modeling, environmental review, utility investigations, interchange concept development and **plans to widen US 85** from Highlands Ranch Parkway to Titan Road.
 - The project will develop solutions to **improve safety, reduce congestion and accommodate growth** in the Chatfield Basin, including Sterling Ranch and the future Zebulon Regional Sports Complex.
 - **RS&H was selected** through a competitive procurement process that included proposals from five engineering firms. The committee, made up of four Douglas County engineers and two Colorado Department of Transportation staff, evaluated proposals based on qualifications, project approach, experience, schedule and scope of services.

As this project moves forward, your input will be valuable. Use the button below to sign up for email updates by selecting the **'Road Work / Cone Zone'** option. [Sign up for updates](#)

- **Do you travel Grigs Road between Castle Pines and Highlands Ranch? Douglas County wants your feedback** as final design begins for Phase 2, which will improve the last remaining one-mile gravel segment of the corridor.



The project will enhance safety, improve regional connectivity, add a shared-use trail and replace the gravel roadway with pavement. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027. Review the proposed improvements and **share your comments through the virtual open house by July 30**. Your feedback will help inform the project's final design before construction begins. [Learn more and share feedback](#)

Activity Report July 12 – July 25, 2026

Active Projects ([Cone Zone Webpage](#))

- **[Hilltop Road \(Legend High School to Crest View Drive\) Improvements Project](#)** – For segment 1 of this project, construction began on April 16, 2025. The construction contract was awarded to Elite Surface Infrastructure on April 8, 2025. The project consists of widening and reconstructing Hilltop Road and Singing Hills Road corridors in three phases. There will be intermittent lane closures and some traffic impacts. However, most of the work is outside of the roadway. The project has a 16-month completion date and is anticipated to be finished in September 2026. [Roundabout Rendition/Map](#)



Upcoming traffic shift – In early August, crews will shift the remainder of traffic on old Hilltop Road to new Hilltop Road between the easternmost end of the project and Hassett Lane. Traffic will shift to the north and all traffic will travel through the roundabout at Crestview Drive. This shift is tentatively scheduled for July 30, but these dates are subject to change based on progress.

Phase 2 of construction is anticipated to begin in 2027; and will take 9 to 12 months to construct. Phase 3 of construction is anticipated to begin in 2029 (pending funding); and will take 12 to 18 months to construct.

- **Highlands Ranch Storm Sewer Project:** Douglas County will be UV Lining a 60” storm sewer at 8664 Quebec Street, which is the signalized intersection for the shopping centers south of Business Center/Park Meadows Drive starting next week. The bike lane on the northbound lanes will be closed between Chestnut Hill and the shopping center access (Kohls) will be impacted.



- **Highlands Ranch Parkway Reconstruction Project** – Douglas County began reconstructing Highlands Ranch Parkway between Broadway and Burntwood Way in June 2026. The roadway, originally built in the early 1980s, has reached the end of its useful life, making full reconstruction the most cost-effective solution.

The project will improve safety, accessibility and long-term durability by replacing pavement, curb, gutter and sidewalk; adding a new raised median; upgrading ADA curb ramps; installing a new traffic signal at Ridgelen Way; and replacing the signal at Burntwood Way. Construction is expected to end early October.



The project is fully funded through Douglas County maintenance funds. Castle Rock Construction Company of Colorado, LLC will serve as the contractor, with a project cost of \$6,579,818. [Visit our webpage](#) to learn about impacts and how to stay up to date on the project for the duration of the work. ([Ridgelen Way Closure Alternate Neighborhood Access](#))

- [Pine Drive/Pine Lane Improvements Project](#) - Douglas County is constructing improvements to Pine Drive and Pine Lane, between Inspiration Drive and Lincoln Avenue, in Parker. See the [Project Corridor Map](#) for details.

Update: Due to recent community feedback, the upcoming project improvements and related closures on Ponderosa Drive have been postponed until a revised plan is approved by Douglas County. Douglas County and the Pine Drive/Pine Lane Improvements Project team are reevaluating closure plans to ensure the safest, most efficient strategy is in place both for residents and construction crews. Confirmed plans will be shared later, prior to starting work or related closures. In addition, the Pine Drive closure, originally scheduled to start Monday, July 20, has been postponed.



- **I-25 Douglas County Monument Signs** – Cushing Terrell continues to work on the I-25 Monument Sign project. Cushing Terrell continues to work on the I-25 Monument Sign project. The targeted construction date is early fall. The design team is currently addressing the CDOT request for structural details on the RTD bridge sign. The south entry sign design is nearing completion and will next be submitted to CDOT for final review. Pending survey results, the south sign will likely require a review by FHWA. Recent coordination with CDOT indicates no design character changes are required, and CDOT approval is anticipated to be straightforward.
- [County Line Road Widening and Reconstruction \(University to Broadway\)](#) – Update: The eastbound right lane on County Line Road is closed between Broadway and Phillips Street to continue roadway construction. This lane closure will remain in place for approximately two months.



Douglas County is partnering with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the City of Littleton and the City of Centennial to fund the project. The total construction cost is estimated to be approximately \$30 million for budget planning purposes which includes contingency funds, construction costs and consultant engineering costs to provide project management, inspections, and material testing for the project.

This project will include an additional travel lane in each direction, a new traffic signal at the Clarkson Street/County Line Road intersection, a mill and overlay for the portion of the road within the City of Littleton located between Phillips Avenue and Broadway, as well as adding sidewalks. Construction started in September 2025. ([Project Fact Sheet](#))

- [Crowfoot Valley Road and Macanta Boulevard Traffic Signal Project](#) - Douglas County will be installing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Crowfoot Valley Rd and Macanta Blvd to address traffic issues at this intersection. The construction of this project started on April 13, 2026, and is anticipated to be completed by August 6, 2026. The travel lanes on both Crowfoot Valley Rd and Macanta Blvd will be restricted to one lane in all directions, following construction, which began on May 4.



- **Highlands Ranch Pkwy Reconstruction, Broadway to Burntwood** – Castle Rock Construction Company of Colorado began construction on June 8th and is expected to end in early October. The project includes reconstruction of the pavement, curb and gutter along the corridor. Additionally, a new median will be constructed, new signals will be constructed at Highlands Ranch Parkway and Ridgelen, and the signals at Burntwood will be replaced.



Crews have made tremendous progress on the project and will soon be ready to begin the next phase of construction. In late July, motorists can expect the next major traffic shift on the project. Traffic will shift into the newly paved westbound lanes of Highlands Ranch Parkway so crews can reconstruct the existing eastbound lanes. One lane of traffic in each direction on Highlands Ranch Parkway will be maintained at all times. Additionally, access to the Highlands Ranch Senior Center and Mountainview Christian Church will be maintained.

- [Dakan Road Bridge Replacement Project](#) – Coming soon. Douglas County Engineering staff is currently completing design for the replacement of the Dakan Road Bridge. This project consists of demolition of the existing structure and replacing 151 feet of bridge over West Plum Creek, as well as 1,750 feet of roadway improvements. The project includes removal and replacement of the present structure, hot mix asphalt, erosion control, site restoration, traffic control as well as other roadway items. The proposed structure will be built to the north of the existing structure, thereby allowing the existing structure to remain open to the traveling public and emergency service vehicles during construction. The anticipated construction start date is late spring/early summer 2026.



- [Highlands Ranch Fiber Improvements](#) - Several utility companies — CenturyLink/Lumen, Comcast, Google and BAM Broadband — are independently installing new or upgrading existing fiber optic networks throughout Highlands Ranch as part of broader broadband expansion efforts. Construction associated with these projects is expected to continue through spring 2027.



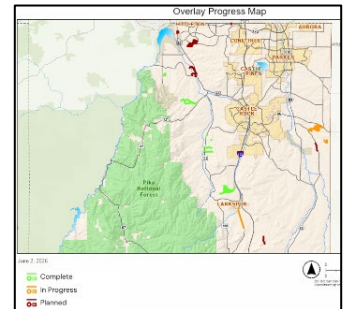
While Douglas County is not responsible for these installations, the County has established a fiber information hotline and email to help residents identify the correct utility provider when questions or concerns arise regarding construction, repair or maintenance activities. These include:

- Connecting residents with the correct utility company contact when they have questions about fiber construction, repairs or maintenance occurring in their area.
 - Addressing communication gaps when residents are unable to obtain information directly from the providers, ensuring the public has access to the most current and accurate information available.
- **Jones Road** – Matrix Design Group was selected as the design consultant for the Jones Road project. The project includes asphalt paving of the roughly 3-mile road as well as drainage improvements. The project will be constructed in phases. Staff are reviewing the 90% plans for phase one while Matrix continues to work on phase two. Final design for the remainder of the project is expected by the end of the year.

- **2026 Sidewalk Repair Project** - If sidewalk or concrete repairs are needed, the first phase will consist of these repairs, which will be performed by the County's sidewalk repair contractor. Sidewalk repairs usually take between 2 and 4 weeks per neighborhood; work on a single block will generally take 3 to 4 days. For a specific list of 2026 Projects, please see the [webpage](#). Construction dates will be updated on each Project's map link, once the schedules are determined.



- **2026 Pavement Management Projects** - The contracted work is complete, and the contractor is working on partnership projects with the County traffic department. The week of July 8th a new median extension is being constructed on Lincoln Avenue at Cottoncreek Drive. The week of July 13th a speed cushion pilot project will be constructed in the Tallman Gulch subdivision.



- **The 2026 Asphalt Overlay Project** was awarded to Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. Construction began on April 20 and is anticipated to be completed in August. Work continues on Russellville Rd, Furrow Rd and in the Indigo Hills neighborhood.

- **2023 Bannock LID** - FirstBank withdrew their offer to fund the Bannock LID. The County will send out a new request for proposals for financing in July. The design team is still working on completing final design and specifications for bidding. (Design work performed in advance of finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the County by the lender as part of the construction loan.)



- **2023 Spring Canyon LID** – FirstBank withdrew their offer to fund the Spring Canyon LID. The County will send out a new request for proposals for funding to private lenders in July. The design team is still working on completing final design and specifications for bidding. (Design work performed in advance of finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the County by the lender as part of the construction loan.)



- **Country Club Group 10 LID** - FirstBank withdrew their offer to fund the Country Club (Group 10) LID. The County will send out a new request for proposals for financing in July. TST Infrastructure has received survey data but is not moving forward with the design. (Design work performed in advance of finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the County by the lender as part of the construction loan.)

- **[Grigs Road Paving Project – Phase 2](#)** - RS&H was selected as the design consultant for phase 2 of the Grigs Road project. Phase 2 will start where phase 1 ends, near the East-West Trailhead Parking Lot and will continue north onto the existing concrete road. The project includes realignment of the road, drainage improvements, a parallel pedestrian trail, and asphalt paving. The consultant has developed concept-level designs for the roadway and adjacent trail. **A virtual open house is now live** and will be used to share the concept designs and solicit feedback from the public. Survey and geotechnical work continue. This project is scheduled to be constructed in 2027.

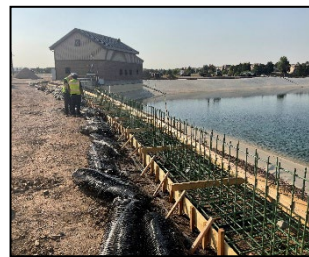


- **Quebec and Park Meadows Dr Intersection Improvements** – This project will make quick improvements to the intersection by refreshing the pavement markings and adding signage. The final design of the larger construction project has started with Basis Partners. All data collection is complete, and Basis Partners anticipated beginning design this month. Construction is planned for 2028.



Development Review

- **Sterling Ranch Filing #7-C:** Three sons Construction is installing storm infrastructure (DV #2024-410). (Pictured far right)



- **Chambers Reservoir Remediation:** ESI is installing a driveway apron and a vehicle protection wall (DV #2019-158). (Pictured near right)



- **Canyons Filing #5:** Clyde Construction is installing manholes and inlets at the Canyons Subdivision (DV #2021-287). (Pictured near right)



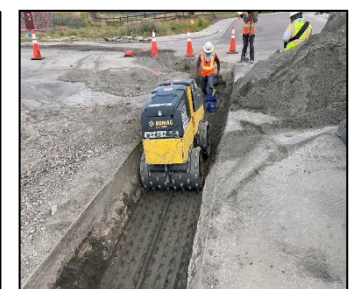
- **5675 Delva Way – GreenWorks Biochar Facility** - Bauen Studios is installing storm sewer pipes (DV #2026-145). (Pictured far right)



- **Piney Lake Trails Subdivision** - Claystone Construction is installing storm sewer infrastructure and a trickle channel (DV #2022-517). (Pictured near right)

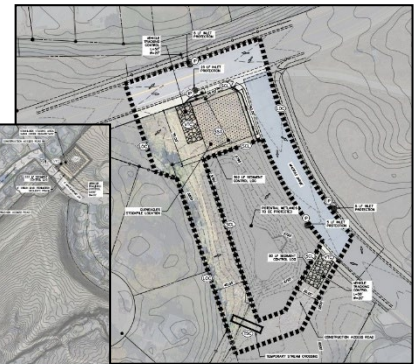
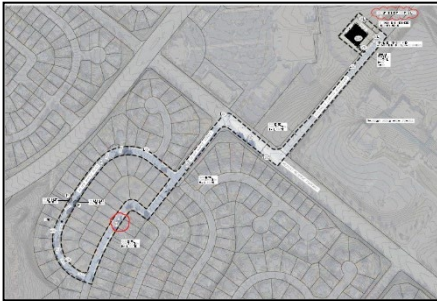


- **Pinery Water & Sanitation** - Timberwolf Construction is installing waterlines at Pump Station #7 (DV #2025-566). (Pictured far right)



- **Highlands Ranch Water Projects (DV2026-318)** - Three separate GESC Permits were issued for water and sanitary sewer replacements. Brannan Construction Company (Highlands Ranch Water's contractor) is submitting traffic control plans for necessary lane closures.

- **Gleneagles Sanitary Sewer Replacement** (Pictured right)
- **Shadow Mountain Waterline Replacement** (Pictured below center)
- **Silver Maple Waterline Replacement** (Pictured below left)



Operations

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Week of July 21, 2025

UPDATE

Last 2 Weeks

We have been sorting E waste into Gaylord totes for shipping.

This Week

We have been moving dirt with the D6 dozer to make more room for relocating containers to a better spot in the yard.

Brett Hughes has started full time with GreenWorks as of **July 20**.

Next Week

We will be placing milling for new container location and receiving 2 more 40' containers for our Household Hazardous Waste starting **August 3rd**.

CUSTOMER TOTALS

PROGRAM	CUSTOMERS SERVED
Slash	360
Mulch	34
Green Waste	78
Electronics (eWaste)	155

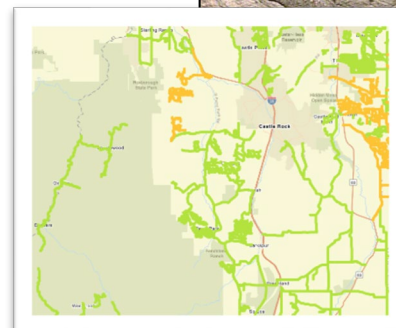
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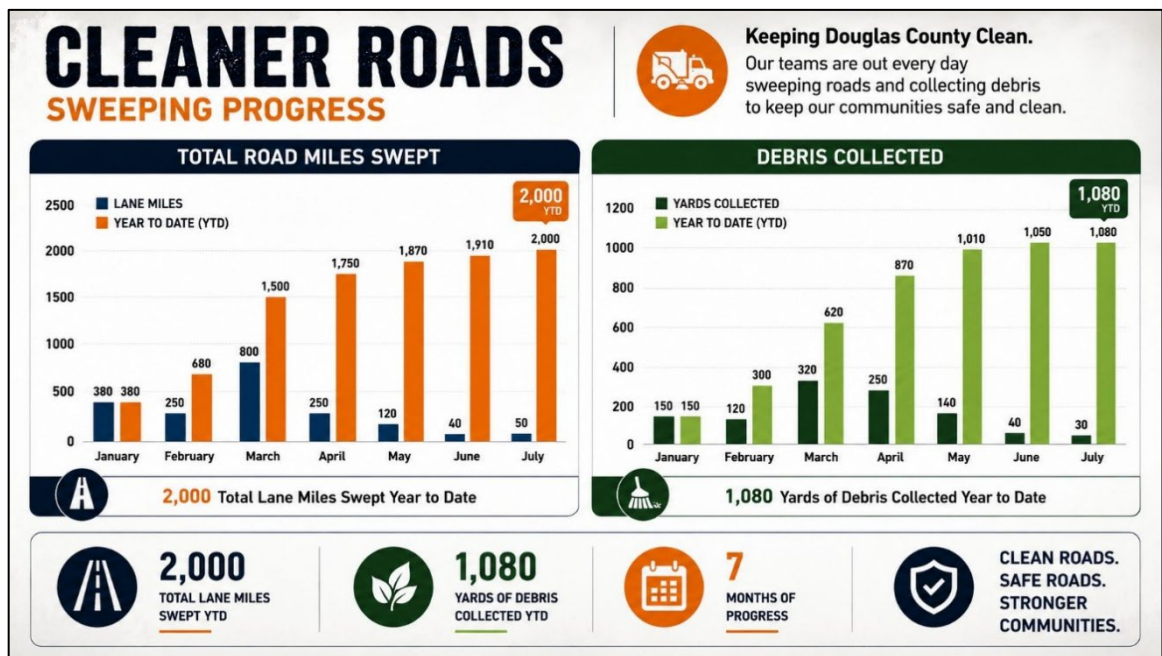
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TOTAL GREENWORKS CUSTOMERS SERVED YTD

5,864

- **Culvert Inspections:** 520 have been completed so far in 2026. In this reporting period 37 inspections were performed with 3 found to be in excellent condition, 11 were good, 13 were considered fair, 9 were poor and 1 was in severe condition.
- **Summer Mowing Activities:** Staff are giving careful consideration to the extremely dry and highly flammable grass conditions and taking necessary precautions to reduce the risk of wildfire, which is reflected in the current program statistics.
 - Completed: 618 of 2,474 mowing segments
 - Overall Progress: 25% Complete





Traffic

- **Special Events:** The Traffic Division is responsible for administering and processing Special Event Permits in unincorporated Douglas County for events that occur on or near county roadways, which may impact the transportation system due to the activity type or number of participants attending the event, and potentially increase traffic congestion. Applications are received year-round. However, the season for most of these permitted events starts in March and goes through the end of November. On average, we approve and issue approximately 25 permits per year, with most events returning from previous years. [Additional details for Special Event Permits](#)

Community Development

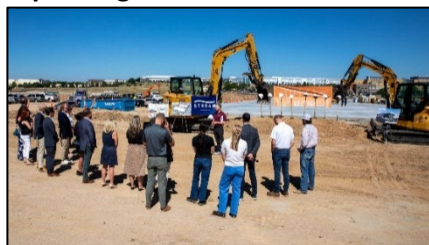
- **Douglas County launches collaborative effort to secure long-term water future** - The 2050 Comprehensive



Douglas County Water Plan brings together local water providers, community members, and regional partners to better understand current water demands and plan for future growth. Public input is a key part of the process, and the draft plan is ready for your input. [Visit our webpage](#) to view the draft Plan, share your feedback, and attend a public open house.

Activity Report July 8 – July 21, 2026

- **Expanding Business Potential** - Commissioner Kevin Van Winkle joined Titan Development, the Douglas County Economic Development Corporation and members of the Parker Town Council this week to celebrate the groundbreaking of Compark470 near Compark Boulevard and Chambers Road in Parker.



The two-building development will bring approximately 133,000 square feet of industrial space designed for manufacturing, logistics and other growing businesses. Once complete, Compark470 will support new jobs, attract private investment and strengthen Douglas County's economy by creating more opportunities for businesses to grow.

Facilities, Fleet and Emergency Support Services

- **Saddle up again: Developmental Pathways and Douglas County Fair & Rodeo return with the Unbridled Rodeo**



Rodeo — a fully accessible western celebration. Developmental Pathways (DP), in partnership with the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, is thrilled to bring back the Unbridled Rodeo, a free, fully inclusive, family-friendly event for individuals with disabilities and their loved ones!

Now in its second year, this one-of-a-kind experience returns on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, to the Indoor Arena at the Douglas County Fairgrounds (500 Fairgrounds Dr., Castle Rock, CO, 80104). The event is held as part of Disability Awareness Day, welcoming guests of all abilities to experience the thrill and camaraderie of the rodeo. [Visit our webpage](#) to learn more and to sign up to participate.

Douglas County Fairgrounds and James R. Sullivan Events Center

- **Fairgrounds Events:** Roaring Fork Kennel Club Dog Show, Plum Creek Farmers Market, Royalty Practice, 4-H County Shoot Archery, 4-H Written Test, 4-H Shooting Sports Awards Banquet, 4-H Livestock Written Test, 4-H Exhibit Day, GOP Breakfast, Royalty Contest, Hometown Rodeo
- **Event Spotlight:** The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo's Hometown Rodeo kicked off this year's Fair season by showcasing the talents of local competitors in events including barrel racing, pole bending, cowhide races, and a variety of roping competitions, giving hometown cowboys and cowgirls the opportunity to shine in front of family, friends, and the community. Held as a standalone event ahead of the Fair, the Hometown Rodeo once again demonstrated the strong interest and enthusiasm for amateur rodeo while providing an exciting preview of the action to come.



This year's event delivered encouraging results, with competitor entries remaining on par with last year despite moving the event up by one week. Hosting the Hometown Rodeo as the only event on the Fairgrounds proved to be a significant operational success, allowing Fair and Rodeo staff to focus exclusively on the competition while creating a more relaxed and enjoyable experience for participating families. The additional space and simplified logistics created new opportunities for the event to continue growing in the years ahead.



The positive feedback extended well beyond the arena. Food and beverage vendors reported strong sales and expressed appreciation for the event, while competitors, families, volunteers, and spectators shared numerous compliments about the overall experience. The combination of strong participation, streamlined operations, satisfied vendors, and enthusiastic community support reinforces the Hometown Rodeo's growing role as a signature kickoff event for the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo and positions it for continued success.



Facilities:

- **Justice Center**
 - 911 data room UPS replacement: 95% complete
 - Courtroom 7 & 8 lighting replacement: 15% complete
 - 2nd Floor DA & Probation carpet replacement: 90% complete

- **LED lighting conversions**
 - Operations: 70% complete
- **Lansing Point: Phase II: 99% complete**
- **Operations Office Build-Out – Rooms 104/104A: 99% complete**
- **Plum Creek VSO remodel - North side Vets: 79% complete**
- **PMC: Clerk & Recorder Basement Training Area Remodel: 30% complete (pictured right)**
- **PSM: Parking garage gate arms and housing: 100% complete**



Fleet

- **Recently Completed:**
 - In serviced units 2067 and 26027.
 - 2027 asset replacement budget submittal.
 - 2027 fleet operating budget submittal.
 - Biochar equipment rental agreement revisions.
 - Relocated Fuel Tank at EVOC. (pictured right)



- **Working On:**
 - 2026 asset acquisition specifications
 - Biochar facility equipment needs
 - Reviewing IFBs, RFQs, etc. that are due for renewal in 2026
 - DCSO Bearcat repairs
 - Emergency fuel dispensers for fuel sites.
- **Acquisitions:**
 - 2024 Asset Replacements & ADDs
 - Budgeted (69) – 5 at upfitter, 64 received.
 - 2025 Asset Replacements & ADDS
 - Budgeted (64) – 12 at upfitter, 52 received.
 - 2026 Asset Replacements & ADDS
 - Budgeted (68) – 6 in Progress, 31 on POs, 14 at upfitter, 17 received.
- **Safety and Security/Emergency Support Services:**
 - The [Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) is pending approval from the State. Following that approval, it will be sent to FEMA for review and approval. After that, each jurisdiction will adopt it, and finally, it will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption.

Information Technology

Information Technology continued advancing Douglas County's strategic priorities through major technology modernization efforts that improve government services, strengthen cybersecurity, expand responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and increase operational efficiency.

July Highlights

- Launched **ChatGPT Enterprise** as one of Douglas County's enterprise AI tools, helping employees work more efficiently and effectively while supporting the County's responsible use of artificial intelligence to enhance services for our residents. Supports BOCC Priority: County Services.
- Implemented **Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance & Operations**, replacing the County's 23-year financial system with a modern enterprise platform that improves financial transparency, strengthens internal controls, standardizes business processes, and supports more informed decision-making. Supports BOCC Priority: County Services.

- Completed the **OpenGov GIS Portal Migration** for Traffic and Parks, improving the security, reliability, and long-term management of geospatial information while providing a stronger foundation for mapping applications that support planning, infrastructure, and natural resource management. Supports BOCC Priority: Historic & Natural Resources.
- Provided **technology support** for the June Election, ensuring secure, reliable, and uninterrupted election operations across all voting locations. IT supported network connectivity, communications, reporting, and election systems throughout the election cycle, helping deliver a seamless voting experience for Douglas County residents while identifying operational improvements for the General Election. Supports BOCC Priority: County Services.
- Expanded the County's **cybersecurity awareness program**, providing employee training focused on recognizing and responding to phishing attempts and other cyber threats. These efforts strengthen the protection of County systems, safeguard sensitive information, and reduce organizational cyber risk. Supports BOCC Priority: County Services.
- **Launched the Recreation Opportunity Public Map initiative** to develop an interactive online map showcasing parks, trails, open spaces, and recreational amenities throughout Douglas County. The project will make it easier for residents and visitors to discover outdoor recreation opportunities and plan their visits. Supports BOCC Priority: Historic & Natural Resources.

Active Project & Initiatives

AI & Innovation

Project	Overview	Community Benefit
AI Content Information Updater	Pilot the use of AI to improve the accuracy and maintenance of information supporting Douglas County's public resource locator application.	Results from the pilot will help inform future data quality, automation, and resource management initiatives across the county.
AI for Geospatial Queries	Develop AI capabilities that enable users to interact with GIS data using plain language rather than specialized mapping tools.	Makes it easier for any user to quickly get useful information without specialized training.
AI for Stormwater Inspections	Leverage AI to analyze inspection photos, videos, and field notes to identify stormwater infrastructure issues more efficiently.	Improves infrastructure inspections, supports proactive maintenance, and reduces manual review time.
GreenWorks Technology Enablement	Implement a modern technology platform supporting GreenWorks recycling, waste diversion, sustainability, and BioChar operations.	Streamlines customer interactions, scheduling, and facility operations while supporting the County's environmental initiatives.
311 Services Modernization Initiative	Modernize the County's 311 services to provide residents with an easier, AI-assisted way to request services, report issues, and access County information.	Makes it easier for residents to connect with County services while improving response times, increasing transparency, and reducing manual processing.

Digital Government

Project	Overview	Community Benefit
County Website Refresh	Redesign and modernize the County's public website to improve navigation, accessibility, and online services.	Makes County services easier to find, improves accessibility, and enhances the online experience for residents and businesses.

Comprehensive Master Plan Interactive Map – Phase 2	Develop a public interactive map that allows residents to explore land-use and development information.	Improves transparency by giving residents easy access to land use and development information.
Zoning Statutes Codification	Modernize the County's zoning regulations by publishing them on a searchable online platform.	Makes zoning information easier for residents, developers, and County staff to access.

Business Systems Modernization

Project	Overview	Community Benefit
Creditron Cloud Upgrade	Transition the County's check scanning and payment processing to a cloud-based platform.	Sustainability project, moving off of legacy platform to modern cloud-based platform, improving long-term reliability and support.
County Attorney Case Management	Modernize case management by enhancing existing systems and implementing a civil litigation solution.	Improves operational efficiency, reduces manual processes, and supports compliance requirements.
Facility Dude Replacement	Modernize facilities operations by replacing multiple legacy systems with a single integrated platform for work orders, assets, inventory, and utilities management.	Improves management of facility work orders, assets, and utilities through a single integrated platform.
Geospatial Data Modernization	Modernize how the County organizes, manages, and shares enterprise map-based data.	Creates a more reliable foundation for mapping services and future GIS innovation.
GIS Portal Migration	Migrate County asset and inventory mapping data into the enterprise GIS Portal.	Improves data accessibility, information sharing, and operational efficiency.
Next-Generation Teams & SharePoint	Establish County-wide standards for collaboration and document management using Microsoft Teams and SharePoint.	Improves information sharing and collaboration across departments.
Community Justice Services Reporting	Establish a standardized reporting framework for Community Justice Services programs and outcomes.	Supports data-driven decisions, accountability, and public safety initiatives.

Technology Operations & Support

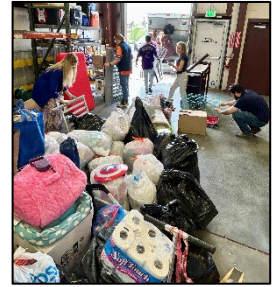
Project	Overview	Benefit
Lansing Point Phase 2	Install the technology infrastructure needed to support operations at the new Lansing Point facility.	Expands County services in northern Douglas County by supporting Human Services, Community Services, and Mental Health operations.
Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Technology Support	Provide technology infrastructure, connectivity, and operational support for the annual Fair & Rodeo.	Ensures reliable technology services for one of the County's largest community events.

Clerk and Recorder's Office

- **When County Clerk & Recorder teams come together, incredible things happen!** Pueblo County Clerk & Recorder, Candace Rivera, and staff partnered with the Douglas County Clerk & Recorder team to collect

donations and support neighbors impacted by the Aspen Acres Wildfire Disaster. From essential supplies to heartfelt generosity, this effort shows the true spirit of collaboration and care amongst county clerks.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, volunteered, and helped make a difference for families and members of our community in need. Donations will supply the Free Community Garage Sale on July 19, 2026, at Runyon Field in Pueblo. Together, we are stronger.



Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

Successes/Highlights

- In June, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Career Services underwent restructuring to support the expansion of services in Douglas County:

- One staff has been stationed at East Community Center in Littleton every Thursday morning to help support the Highlands Ranch area of Douglas County. The goal in the next program year is to begin offering workshops and one-on-one appointments (as well as continued walk-in services).
- Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Career Services has been working with the Douglas County Justice



Center Reentry Team to revitalize service delivery at the jail. The team will continue to offer relevant workshops, but will begin more of a case management role, where they will be providing more individualized appointments and services and getting people connected to Arapahoe/Douglas Works! immediately upon their release.

- Arapahoe/Douglas Works! has set the following goals for Douglas County Youth/Young Adult program:
 - Caseload of 20
 - 1 Occupational Skills Training completion
 - Average Wage of Placement of \$17.75/hour

- Arapahoe/Douglas Works! was approved for year two of Adult Education and Literacy Act (AELA)/GED funding. While the first year was dedicated to internal program referrals, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! plans to open registration to the public. Arapahoe/Douglas Works! is finalizing a flyer and will also add the program to the website.



- Three teachers graduated from the CSBR Teacher Externship program. They completed their 2-week immersive fellowship learning about aerospace companies, future technology, and career pathways in metro Denver. Douglas County graduates were from Thunder Ridge High School and STEM School Highland Ranch.

Events/Workshops

- Arapahoe/Douglas Works! welcomed over 500 people and 25 vendors to Air N Space-A-Palooza on June 27th at Wings over the Rockies at Centennial Airport to learn about the Aerospace industry. Attendees had the opportunity to interact with STEM exhibits, try their skills in a flight simulator, and take a spin on the gyroball. Two additional presentations were given by NASA and the Colorado Workforce Development Council.



Communication and Community Engagement

- **Public Affairs is now the Department of Communication and Community Engagement** - Every day across Douglas County, our employees provide essential services and launch innovative programs that help our community thrive. Here to connect stakeholders with this important work is the Department of Communication and Community Engagement (formerly Communication and Public Affairs.)

Why the change? This name better reflects the department's mission: to establish and maintain relationships between our organization and the public we serve. We do that in two primary ways:

- **Communication:** Providing our county's residents, business owners, partners and other key stakeholders with clear and timely information so they can make informed decisions.
- **Community Engagement:** Planning meaningful, countywide opportunities for our stakeholders to engage with their local government on a variety of topics.

Working with every Office and Department, the Department of Communication and Community Engagement will:

- Bring strategy and best practices from the public relations, public information and community engagement profession to connect your work with the people it impacts.
- Use a range of tools, such as the County website, social media, earned media, video, the Douglas County Neighbor magazine, email, in-person engagement and more to build the public's understanding of the value, importance and impact of the County's work.
- Drive strategic, countywide engagement efforts that meet residents where they are – like in-person townhall meetings, special events, or our hybrid Live Town Halls that offer ways to connect online or via phone as well as in-person.

Campaign Highlights

- **Red Tape Reduction Task Force** - In collaboration with the Department of Community Development and the Douglas County Economic Development Corporation. *The first meeting of the Task Force took place on April 2.*



Recent headlines indicate that companies are choosing to move away from Colorado due to regulatory burdens and systemic delays. Douglas County believes we can—and should—set a new standard. In December 2025, the Board of Douglas County Commissioners [adopted a resolution](#) calling for the cutting of red tape and reduction of regulatory burden for commercial and industrial development.

In response to this call to action, the Red Tape Reduction Task Force, in partnership with the Douglas County Economic Development Corporation, was established to evaluate our regulatory framework, eliminate unnecessary barriers, and identify bold, practical solutions that accelerate speed to market while maintaining high standards for safety, quality and community character.

Communication Objectives:

- Establish Douglas County as the most efficient, responsive, and business-friendly county in the region for commercial, industrial, and manufacturing investment.
- Educate target audiences about the County's efficient regulatory processes and its commitment to expediting development.
- Ensure unified messaging among County departments, service providers, and economic development partners, regarding expedited development and business attraction.
- Demonstrate that the Board of County Commissioners is proactively responding to national economic shifts to protect and strengthen the County's economic base.

Tactics included Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, organic social media, a press conference, and earned media.

Results:

- Newsroom Post Views: 379
- Social Media Impressions: 3,680
- Email Open Rate: 42.3%

Media:

- Total number of media mentions: 23
- Estimated Reach: 9,576,198
- Estimated Ad Equivalency Value: \$3,543,193

- **Dougnad – Arbor Day Tree Planting.** In collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation. *The 2026 Spring Dougnad event took place on April 24.*

Douglas County's Dougnad volunteer program is modeled after the Scandinavian tradition of dugnad where citizens meet up with family, friends, and neighbors for coffee and pastries then disperse into the community to do volunteer work such as planting trees or cleaning parks. The purpose of Dougnad is to inspire generational public service and reinforce the value we place in Douglas County by keeping our public spaces clean, safe and enjoyable for all. On April 24, 2026, our community came together to plant trees at Fairgrounds Regional Park in Castle Rock.



Communication Objectives:

- Increase awareness of Dougnad as Douglas County's signature community volunteer event.
- Drive volunteer participation and community engagement.
- Strengthen awareness of the County's commitment to natural resource stewardship and public service.
- Inspire a culture of generational public service.
- Build long-term engagement with volunteer programs.

Tactics included Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, and organic social media.

Results:

- Newsroom Post Views: 113
- Social Media Impressions: 1,473
- Email Open Rate: 42.8%
- Volunteers: 109

- **Link On Demand - In collaboration with the Department of Community Services.** *Link On Demand launched in Stonegate and select areas of Parker on April 8.*

Link On Demand is an app-based, on-demand transportation option that gives users access to rides across Lone Tree, Highlands Ranch, Stonegate, and Parker at no cost. This service is designed to improve local mobility by providing flexible transportation options for people who may not have access to a personal vehicle or traditional fixed-route transit.



Communication Objectives:

- Raise awareness about the service expansion into Stonegate and Parker and its key benefits (free, accessible and safe).
- Educate users on how to request a ride through the Link On Demand app.
- Promote the ribbon-cutting event to media and community members.

- Highlight the County's leadership in innovative public transportation.
- Provide clear, accessible materials (digital and print) for all user groups.

Tactics included Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, earned media, organic social media, and a ribbon cutting event.

Results:

- Newsroom Post Views: 773
- Social Media Impressions: 26,575
- Email Open Rate: 48.1%

Media:

- Total number of media mentions: 7
- Estimated Reach: 36,442
- Estimated Ad Equivalency Value: \$13,483

- **Colorado 150 America 250 Celebrations - In collaboration with the Historic Preservation team within the Department of Community Development.** *In 2026, Douglas County is hosting a series of events that invite residents to experience the open spaces and historic sites that are living connections to Colorado's path to statehood.*

In 2026, communities across the country will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States, while Colorado celebrates 150 years of statehood. These milestone anniversaries present a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reflect on the stories, places, and people that shaped our communities.



Douglas County's open spaces, historic sites, and cultural institutions offer living connections to the events that shaped Colorado's early development. Through partnerships with local organizations the County will create opportunities for residents to engage with these stories in meaningful ways.

Communication Objectives:

- Build awareness of Douglas County's unique history.
- Highlight Douglas County's sense of place and local pride.
- Position Douglas County as an active and thoughtful participant in America 250 / Colorado 150 celebrations.
- Encourage resident participation in events.
- Reframe regional history as experiential, not just historical/educational.

Tactics included Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, organic social media, YouTube videos, and community engagement opportunities.

Results:

- Newsroom Post Views: 1,122
- Social Media Impressions: 27,171
- Email Open Rate: 43.6%
- YouTube Views: 245

- **Wildfire Communications - In collaboration with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Office of Emergency Management.** *Communications surrounding wildfire safety have been ongoing throughout 2026.*

On April 23, 2026, Douglas County promoted a **Wildfire Mitigation Open House** held May 9 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, providing residents with information about defensible space, home



hardening, insurance considerations and wildfire preparedness resources ahead of peak fire season.

On May 1, 2026, Douglas County announced a live "**Courageous Conversations**" town hall focused on wildfire readiness, evacuation planning and County preparedness efforts, giving residents an opportunity to hear from experts and ask questions in person, online or by phone.

On June 24, 2026, Douglas County Commissioners approved a **construction contract for a new Helitack hangar**, strengthening the County's aerial firefighting capabilities and supporting faster, more effective wildfire response efforts. That same day, the County launched public outreach efforts encouraging residents to identify and address Mountain Pine Beetle infestations early to reduce tree mortality and wildfire fuel loads across the county.

On June 29, 2026, Douglas County implemented Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in unincorporated Douglas County and launched a coordinated communications effort to notify residents of restrictions and reinforce wildfire prevention messaging during periods of elevated fire danger.

Communication Objective:

To increase public awareness and engagement around wildfire mitigation and safety.

Tactics included Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, organic social media, and a Live Town Hall.

Results:

- Newsroom Post Views: 2,761
- Social Media Impressions: 78,533
- Email Open Rate: 47.5%
- Town Hall Recording Views: 232

- **Douglas County GreenWorks - In collaboration with the Department of Public Works.** *Douglas County GreenWorks launched expanded slash-mulch services on May 26. Additional services such as electronics recycling, household hazardous waste, and biochar will rollout throughout 2026.*



On April 29, 2026, Douglas County announced the upcoming launch of GreenWorks, a new centralized waste diversion site in Sedalia that will provide residents with expanded access to slash-mulch, electronics recycling, household hazardous waste disposal and biochar services in a single location.

On May 26, 2026, Douglas County expanded slash-mulch and green waste operations at GreenWorks from one day per week to six days per week, increasing service availability from approximately 30 days per year to nearly 300 days annually while supporting wildfire mitigation efforts and improving convenience for residents.

Communication Objective:

- Increase resident awareness and usage of GreenWorks services.
- Position Douglas County as a leader in wildfire mitigation and waste diversion.
- Build trust through clear, phased communication.
- Drive traffic to the GreenWorks webpage as the central source of information.
- Generate positive media coverage at each milestone.

Tactics included Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, earned media, and organic social media.

Results:

- Newsroom Post Views: 3,223
- Social Media Impressions: 16,393
- Email Open Rate: 44%

Media:

- Total number of media mentions: 6
- Estimated Reach: 34,999
- Estimated Ad Equivalency Value: \$12,949

- **Anti-Human Trafficking Bill - In collaboration with the County Attorney's Office and our nonprofit partner, From Silenced to Saved. On June 3, Gov. Jared Polis signed Senate Bill 26-015 into law. Douglas County Commissioner Abe Laydon and advocates from across Colorado were there for the formal signing.**



The bill strengthens penalties for offenders, modernizes outdated language in Colorado law and reinforces that children involved in commercial sexual exploitation are victims who deserve protection and support.

Commissioner Laydon supported the legislation throughout the session, working alongside lawmakers, law enforcement agencies and advocacy organizations focused on preventing trafficking and protecting children. The County also offered space within the Douglas County Jail to help avoid a fiscal impact that could have stalled the bill during the legislative process.

Communication Objectives:

- Leverage the bill signing with Gov. Polis to introduce our efforts to the community.
- Celebrate Human Trafficking Bill partners.

Tactics included Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, earned media, organic social media, and a press conference.

Results:

- Newsroom Post Views: 388
- Social Media Impressions: 2,057
- Email Open Rate: 47.6%

Media:

- Total number of media mentions: 2
- Estimated reach: 293,091
- Estimated ad value equivalency: \$108,437

- **Douglas County Fair & Rodeo - In collaboration with the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo team as well as the Department of Facilities, Fleet, and Emergency Services. Fair & Rodeo promotion began in April.**

On April 1, 2026, Douglas County launched volunteer recruitment efforts for the 2026 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, encouraging residents to support one of the County's largest annual events while engaging directly with the community.



On April 15, 2026, Douglas County began promoting the 2026 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo by highlighting entertainment, attractions and family-friendly activities designed to create memorable summer experiences for residents and visitors.

On April 30, 2026, Douglas County encouraged participation in the Fair's competitive exhibits

program, inviting residents to showcase hobbies, crafts, agriculture projects and other talents for an opportunity to earn a coveted blue ribbon.

On May 28, 2026, Douglas County announced AWOLNATION as a featured headliner for the 2026 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo concert series, helping build excitement for the event's entertainment lineup.

On June 2, 2026, Douglas County promoted the return of the Colorado Farm-to-Table Brunch, highlighting local agriculture, food producers and culinary experiences as part of the Fair & Rodeo festivities.

On June 26, 2026, Douglas County continued building anticipation for the Fair by promoting an evening of indie and alternative rock performances featuring AWOLNATION and reinforcing the event's summer music festival atmosphere.

Communication Objective:

- To increase public awareness and participation in the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.

Tactics included Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, and organic social media.

Results:

- Newsroom Post Views: 633
- Social Media Impressions: 51,325
- Email Open Rate: 42.5%

- **Doug Glass - In collaboration with the Department of Public Works.** *Doug Glass was introduced to residents during Work Zone Awareness Week on April 20.*

When you roll up to a work zone, it's natural to feel a little frustrated. No one likes unexpected delays, but they are a sign of progress. Douglas County is making historic investments in transportation infrastructure to support a growing community, and that means more construction in the near term. With that progress comes a shared responsibility: slowing down, staying alert and keeping everyone safe in work zones.



As part of our effort to help community members understand the impacts of the 2050 Transportation Plan and how to navigate it safely, we are thrilled to introduce the newest member of the Public Works team, Doug Glass.

Communication Objective:

- Introduce the community to Doug Glass, the future generation of Douglas County!
- Through Doug, stakeholders will understand the investment Douglas County and its partners are making in transportation projects and maintenance – and why it matters to them.
- Stakeholders will feel a sense of community around roadwork, evoking the need to drive, walk and bike safely in construction zones.

Tactics included Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, and organic social media.

Results:

- Newsroom Post Views: 362
- Social Media Impressions: 6,507
- Email Open Rate: 46.4%

- **Douglas County and AdventHealth partner to support mental wellness.** *In collaboration with the Health Department as well as our partner, AdventHealth. During Mental Health Awareness Month in May,*

Douglas County and Advent Health announced a partnership to expand awareness, access and support for mental wellness across the community.



In Douglas County, more than 18% of residents reported experiencing poor mental health in 2023. That represents approximately 70,000 people who felt mentally unwell for 14 or more days each month, according to the Colorado Health Institute's Health Access Survey. Suicide also remains the leading cause of death among Colorado youth and young adults.

The partnership brings together Douglas County's long-standing commitment to behavioral health with AdventHealth's Whole Person Health approach, which emphasizes caring for the mind, body and spirit together. Through education, outreach and community collaboration, the partnership aims to help more residents access resources before a mental health crisis occurs.

Communication Objective:

- To engage experts and the community in discussions surrounding mental wellness.

Tactics included Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, and organic social media.

Results:

- Newsroom Post Views: 171
- Social Media Impressions: 4,487
- Email Open Rate: 39.8%

7/14 Zebulon Executive Session

- The Board of County Commissioners received an update on the Zebulon Development from staff and project consultants. The discussion focused on programming, schematic design, and agreements with partners and end users for the use of the proposed recreational areas. The meeting was conducted in executive session under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) because of the ongoing nature of negotiations with recreational space users. At the conclusion of the executive session, Commissioners expressed support for continuing negotiations with operational partnerships and commended the project team for its progress.

Planning Activity Report

Completed Projects					
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	07/09/26	Perry Park Filing 11, Lot 7, Blk 2	Adjust the setback from the street from 25' to 22' for an addition to the residence.	Administrative Variance	VA2026-006
1	07/10/26	Grand View Estates, 3 rd Amd, Lot 4, 2 nd Mod	Eligible Facilities Request - replacement of 3 antennas on existing cell site.	SIP Modification	SP2026-105
2	07/10/26	Reata South Filing 1, Lot 100	BBuilding Envelope adjustment to install an inground swimming pool and spa.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-027
3	07/14/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 123A, Lot 5, 1 st Rev, 2 nd Mod	Exterior changes to the building.	SIP Modification	SP2026-079
2	07/14/26	Promenade at Castle Rock Filing 1, Amd 25, Block 3, Lot 2A-4A-1	Referral request from the Town of Castle Rock for 9,312 sq. ft. retail building with three retail spaces.	External Referral	RE2026-079
2	07/14/26	Lagae Family Trust Minor Dev Lot 5	Referral request from the City of Castle Pines for a 6,912 sq. ft. auto parts store.	External Referral	RE2026-077
2	07/14/26	Heroes Hall Site Development Plan	2 nd referral request - Town of Castle Rock for the Site Development Plan	External Referral	RE2026-068

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	07/14/26	Founders Corner Zoning Annexation	Referral request from the Town of Castle Rock for the Founders Corner Zoning.	External Referral	RE2026-084
2	07/14/26	9757 Hilltop Road	Off-site sewer force main to support the Ramblewood Dev by Ramblewood MD, Pinery WWD & Parker WSD.	Location and Extent	LE2026-007
2	07/14/26	Bella Mesa South Filing 1	Town of Castle Rock for a plat.	Ext Referral	RE2026-069
1	07/14/26	Redemption Church	Request for one lot for church use.	Minor Dev Non-Residential	SB2026-005
	07/14/26	Comfort Haven Homes	Referral request from Jefferson County for a group home Special Use (SU).	External Referral	RE2026-089
1	07/15/26	Inverness Filing 7, 10 th Amd, Lot 1B-2A, 4 th Mod	Add a concrete pad, concrete screen, piping to an existing building, and an energy fuel module to be bolted to the concrete pad.	SIP Modification	SP2026-107
2	07/16/26	Academy Charter School Site Development Plan	Referral request - Town of Castle Rock to add a new shade structure and upgrade the playground system.	External Referral	RE2026-085
2	07/16/26	Crystal Valley Ranch Filing 14, Amendment 1	2 nd referral - Town of Castle Rock for 112 single-family detached lots.	External Referral	RE2026-078
2	07/16/26	Founders Corner Annexation	Referral request from the Town of Castle Rock for the Founders Corner Annexation.	External Referral	RE2026-083
	07/20/26	Walker Center, 4th Amendment, Lot 4B-2A	New flex space storage facility with an RV dump station, accessory office space and caretaker residence.	Site Improvement Plan	SP2024-004
3	07/21/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 16, Lot 3	Discount Fireworks Stand - 2530 E County Line Rd	Seasonal Use	SU2026-002
	07/21/26	Adams County Development Standards Overhaul	Adams County to update the county's development standards and regulations.	External Referral	RE2026-080
2	07/21/26	7054 South State Highway 83	Reduce the 100' street setback to 81.4' for a storage structure currently being built.	Administrative Variance	VA2026-005
3	07/21/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 16, lot 4	Davey Jones Fireworks - 2550 E County Line Rd	Seasonal Use	SU2026-001

Referrals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	06/25/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 159, Lot 1	Add a tract for the new Highlands Ranch Metro District community park.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-030
2	06/29/26	Castle Pines North Metropolitan District	Castle Pines North Metropolitan District, 2nd Amendment.	Material Modification	SV2026-002
3	06/29/26	Rampart Delivery System Expansion	City of Aurora – 6.5 miles of new water pipelines.	Location and Extent	LE2026-008
2	07/01/26	2195 N State Highway 83, 4th Revision	Document the parking lot previously installed.	SIP Revision	SP2026-104
2	07/06/26	Oak Hills Filing 1, 1 st Amd	Replat to absorb unused County-owned right-of-way in 1 adjacent residential lot.	Replat	SB2026-028

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1	07/09/26	Meridian Int'l Business Center Filing 1, 4 th Amd, Lot 19 and Lot 20	Request for an Administrative Replat for a Lot Line Adjustment to reorient the two lots from north-south to east-west.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-033
3	07/10/26	Bobcat of the Rockies Rezone	Rezone multiple properties to Light Industrial or Commercial Zone Districts.	Rezoning	ZR2026-007
2	07/14/26	Solitude Colorado Rural Site Plan Exemption	Building Envelope Adjustment to adjust position the home on the site.	Exemption	EX2026-005

Upcoming Planning Commission Hearings

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
	08/03/26	Zoning Resolution Amendment to Streamline Review of Attached Single-Family Residential Development	Remove the requirement for the submittal of a Site Improvement Plan application for single-family attached developments when sufficient engineering, building, and fire-related details are provided at the time of plat approval.	Document & Regulation	DR2026-002
2	08/17/26	Roadway Vacation of Pine View Circle	Request for a Roadway Vacation of Pine View Circle.	Roadway Vacation	SB2026-017

Upcoming BCC Land Use Hearings or Meetings

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
	07/28/26	Business Personal Property Tax Incentive Agreement between Douglas County and Flexential Corp	Request for approval of a Business Personal Property Tax Incentive Agreement between Douglas County and Flexential Corp.	Agreement	ED2025-002
2	07/28/26	Pinery Village Filing 2, 1st Amendment	Request for a replat of superblock lot into 19 commercial lots	Replat	SB2026-015
2	07/28/26	Bloom Metropolitan Dist New Service Plan	Request for approval of the Bloom Metropolitan District new service plan.	New Service Plan	SV2026-001
	08/11/26	Zoning Resolution Amendment to Streamline Review of Attached Single-Family Residential Development	Remove the requirement for the submittal of a SIP application for single-family attached developments when sufficient engineering, building, and fire-related details are provided at the time of plat approval.	Document & Regulation	DR2026-002
2	08/25/26	Roadway Vacation of Pine View Circle	Request for a Roadway Vacation of Pine View Circle.	Roadway Vacation	SB2026-017

Pre-submittals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	07/09/26	Castle Pines Filing 1A, 22 nd Amd, Tract A	Add a tunnel under Happy Canyon Rd for pedestrian & golf course maintenance use.	Site Imp Plan	PS2026-149
2	07/09/26	McHenry Subdivision, Lot 2	Seasonal pumpkin patch fundraiser.	Minor Ent Event	PS2026-142
1	07/10/26	Public Streets in Grand View Estates	Vacation for the unused portion of Third St immediately adjacent to their property.	Roadway Vacation	PS2026-138

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2	07/10/26	Twin Oaks Amd, Most Lot 59, Lots 58 & 60	Establish legal parcels for three lots previously a part of Twin Oaks Subdivision.	Exemption	PS2026-143
3	07/10/26	River Canyon Filing 1A, Lot 21	Building Envelope Adjustment to better position a new home on the site.	Administrative Replat	PS2026-156
1	07/14/26	Inverness Subdivision Filing 9, Lot 2	Add approximately 30 parking spaces.	SIP Revision	PS2026-148
1	07/14/26	Meridian Internation Business Park North Filing 1, Lots 20 and 19	Construction of an office building with warehouse space and outdoor storage.	Site Improvement Plan	PS2026-153
3	07/14/26	Sedalia Industrial Park, Lot 1	20,000 SF warehouse addition to the existing facility.	SIP Revision	PS2026-152
2	07/17/26	Thunder Butte Subdivision	Lot Line Adjustment to absorb approx.. 1-2 acres from an unplatted m/b property into a platted subdivision.	Administrative Replat	PS2026-158
3	07/17/26	Chatfield Farms Filing 1A, 8 th Amd, Lot 119A-3B	Establish a new Self-Serve Car Wash with EV charging stations.	Site Imp Plan	PS2026-159

Streamline Pre-submittals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	07/13/26	7000 Roxborough Park Rd	Change out existing solar parking lighting to generated power lighting.	Administrative Amendment	PS2026-110
3	07/17/26	River Canyon Filing 1B, Lots 175 and 176	Lot Line Vacation to combine two lots.	Administrative Replat	PS2026-161

New Applications

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	07/08/26	Chambers High Point Filing 1, Amd 2 Lot 1	Town of Parker for the Initial Condo Plat	External Referral	RE2026-086
1	07/08/26	Chambers High Point Filing 1, Amd 2, Lot 1	Town of Parker for an Initial Condo Plat for Buildings 3 and 4.	External Referral	RE2026-087
1	07/08/26	Inverness Filing 7, 10 th Amd, Lot 1B-2A, 4 th Mod	Addition of a concrete pad, concrete screen, piping to an existing building, and an energy fuel module to be bolted to the concrete pad.	SIP Modification	SP2026-107
2	07/08/26	Academy Charter School Site Development Plan	Town of Castle Rock to add a new shade structure and upgrade the playground system at the Academy Charter School.	External Referral	RE2026-085
2	07/09/26	Perry Park Filing 11, Lot 7, Blk 2	Adjust the setback from the street from 25' to 22' for an addition to the residence.	Administrative Variance	VA2026-006
2	07/09/26	Berkenkotter Caprice Use by Special Review	Town of Castle Rock - to use part of the lot as an auto dealership.	External Referral	RE2026-088
2	07/13/26	Promenade at Castle Rock Filing 1, Amd 25, Block 3, Lot 2A-2A-2A	Town of Castle Rock for a Site Development Plan Amendment to reduce the building size.	External Referral	RE2026-090
	07/13/26	Comfort Haven Homes	Jefferson County - group home Special Use	Ext Referral	RE2026-089
1	07/15/26	Castle View Heights, Lots 13 & 14, 4 th Rev, 2 nd Mod	Operate a used motor vehicle dealership within the existing commercial property.	SIP Modification	SP2026-108

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2	07/15/26	Dawson Trails Planned Dev Plan & Zoning Regulations, 4 th Amd	Town of Castle Rock to change signage standards, planning area boundaries, and pedestrian oriented street sections.	External Referral	RE2026-091
2	07/15/26	Terrain Remnant Annexation Map	Town of Castle Rock for an annexation of a .4-acre parcel to be zoned as open space.	External Referral	RE2026-092
2	07/16/26	Sage Port Filing 4, 1 st Amd	Replat & ROW vacation to combine 3 lots.	Replat	SB2026-034
1	07/16/26	Avalonbay Parker Filing 1	Referral request from the Town of Parker for a condominium plat.	External Referral	RE2026-093
1	07/17/26	Castle View Heights Amd, 6 th Amd, Lot 1, 1 st Mod	Request for a Site Improvement Plan (SIP) Modification to add an ADA ramp to the exterior of building.	Modification	SP2026-110
3	07/17/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 15, Tract H, 1 st Rev, 2 nd Mod	Eligible Facilities Request (EFR) to replace existing equipment.	SIP Modification	SP2026-111
3	07/17/26	Huttner, Block 1, Lots 1 & 2, 2nd Rev, 3rd Mod	Eligible Facilities Request to replace 3 existing antennas & 3 radio modules.	SIP Modification	SP2026-109
2	07/20/26	Home Street Annexation	Town of Castle Rock to annex and zone as Public Land with no ROW.	External Referral	RE2026-094
2	07/20/26	Maher Ranch Tank Site Annexation	2 nd referral request - Town of Castle Rock to annex this parcel & zone as Public Land.	External Referral	RE2026-095
2	07/21/26	Bell Mountain Ranch Filing 1B, Lot 88	Building Envelope Adjustment to reallocate 11,000 SF from the Secondary Use Zone to the Primary Building Zone.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-035
2	07/21/26	RidgeView Town Center Planned Development	3 rd referral - Town of Castle Rock for a retail development	External Referral	RE2026-096

New Miscellaneous Jobs

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	07/17/26	Sterling Ranch Neighborhood Plan 1, D2.1	Sterling Ranch requests a Neighborhood Plan 1, D2.1	MI	MI2026-013
2	07/21/26	15989 South Perry Park Road	Request for a Legal Parcel Determination SPN 2771-320-000-16	Legal Parcel Determination	MI2026-014

New Sign Permits

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	07/08/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 26, Lot 1	Dumpling Bay Noodle Wok Bar - 2690 E County Line Rd Unit #E	Sign Permit	SG2026-068 & 2026-069
3	07/13/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 142, Lot 1	Huntington Bank - 9579 University Blvd Bldg #1 Unit #400B	Sign Permit	SG2025-159 & 2025-160
2	07/21/26	LTC Care Center Ex, 3rd Amd, Lot 3A-1	Bridgewater - 3997 Home St Bldg #A	Sign Permit	SG2026-070

Special Event Liquor Permits

Dist.	Date	Event Name	Permittee Name & Event Address	Permit No.
3	07/16/26	Highlands Ranch Oktoberfest Celebration	Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association - 9288 Dorchester St	LL2026-048

Public Works Bid Calendar

Updated 7/22/26

Project Description	Plans Available to Contractors	Contractor Pre-Bid Conference	Project Bid Opening	Tentative BCC Approval Date
Dakan Road Bridge Replacement Project CI 2007-021	June 22, 2026	July 1, 2026	July 21, 2026 Eight bids received and under review	Aug. 25, 2026
<i>This project consists of demolition of the existing structure and replacing it with a 151 feet bridge over West Plum Creek as well as 1,750 feet of roadway improvements. The project includes removal and replacement of the present structure, hot mix asphalt, erosion control, site restoration, traffic control as well as other roadway items. The proposed structure will be built to the north of the existing structure, thereby allowing the existing structure to remain.</i>				
University Blvd and Post Office Traffic Signal Infrastructure TF 2025-025	July 13, 2026	July 29, 2026	Aug. 11, 2026	Sept. 8, 2026
<i>This project consists of the replacement of the existing traffic signal west of the intersection of University and Quebec at the exit from the Highlands Ranch Post Office on the southwest corner. Work includes the removal of the existing traffic signals, construction of a new signalized intersection including setting new traffic signal poles and mast arms provided by Douglas County, the removal and replacement of curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, and associated work. Bid items include traffic signal components, erosion control items, aggregate base course, pavement markings, construction surveying, topsoil, sod, and irrigation.</i>				