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JEFFERSON PARKWAY PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Arvada, CO..... “The Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority is open for business.”

So stated Bill Ray, Deputy City Manager for the City of Arvada who was appointed interim executive director by the Authority’s Board of Directors, at its inaugural meeting today at 9:00 a.m. at Arvada City Hall.

Jefferson County Commissioner Kevin McCasky was named chair, Arvada Mayor Bob Frie vice-chair, and Broomfield Mayor Pat Quinn Treasurer to start the approximately two-hour meeting.

Other business included the adoption of meeting rules and bylaws, scheduling the next meeting (Thursday, July 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Arvada City Hall), and an authorization to explore staffing options for the Authority such as hiring a project manager, either an individual or a management firm.

The Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority was formed with the goal of constructing the last remaining piece of the metropolitan beltway, closing the gap between State Highway 128 in Broomfield and State Highway 93 at approximately W. 58th Avenue north of Golden. Public highway authorities are authorized by the State of Colorado for the purpose of financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining transportation improvements that cannot be undertaken by a single local government because of cost or location. The participating governments contributed \$100,000 each as initial startup funding that can be reimbursed by the public highway authority.

Director McCasky encouraged private sector interests to take a proactive approach to the ultimate construction of the Jefferson Parkway. “We ask executive management firms, design/build engineering and construction firms, and investors to contact the Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority and pursue their potential involvement. Construction of this final, missing link to the Denver Metropolitan Beltway is long past due, and we are looking towards the private sector to help us make that happen.”

Until permanent staffing of the Authority is established, direct communication with the Authority will go through interim executive director Bill Ray at 720-898-7506 or bray@arvada.org.

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