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Hook Ramp Construction Begins at I-70 for the Clear Creek Crossing Development in Wheat Ridge *One of Investing 4 the Future Projects funded by the voter-approved 2E Ballot Initiative*

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. August 6, 2019 – A groundbreaking ceremony held today with representatives from the City of Wheat Ridge, Wheat Ridge elected officials, Longs Peak Metropolitan District (LPMD), along with Evergreen Development, and Mortenson marked the beginning of construction of new westbound I-70 access ramps at Clear Creek Drive, which will replace the westbound off-ramp and improve the westbound on-ramp at 32nd Avenue.

Today's event kicked-off this phase of the I-70/32nd Ave project, one of four transportation infrastructure projects funded by a ½ cent sales tax increase approved by voters in 2016 for the 2E ballot initiative. The 2E funds designated for this project will add two new off/on ramps along westbound I-70, replacing the existing off-ramp at 32nd Ave and improving the existing westbound on-ramp. These new westbound on/off ramps at Clear Creek Dr. are scheduled to open by the end of 2019. Construction of infrastructure at Clear Creek Crossing is currently underway as well. Located at the intersection of Interstate 70 and Highway 58, this 110-acre mixed-use development is owned and being developed by [Evergreen Devco](#), a leading national retail and multifamily development company and is anchored by SCL Health on a prominent 26-acre site just west of I-70 and north of 40th Avenue.

"We're very excited about the current momentum at Clear Creek Crossing," said Tyler Carlson, managing partner of Evergreen Devco and president of the Board for LPMD. "There's tremendous enthusiasm for this public-private partnership. The city-sponsored I-70 hook ramp project is now underway and we have made significant progress on site infrastructure over the last year. Current construction at the site has created strong market interest in Clear Creek Crossing from restaurant, retail, entertainment and hospitality users. We look forward to announcing buyers and tenants in the coming months."

"Creating the hook ramps to the Clear Creek Crossing development from I-70 is a critical part of infrastructure improvements that will not only benefit Clear Creek Crossing, but also the Applewood Shopping Center on Youngfield and Wheat Ridge and Jefferson County residents who shop, dine and do business in the area," stated Patrick Goff, Wheat Ridge city manager. "It's thanks to the generosity of Wheat Ridge voters who authorized the 2E bond in 2016 that the Investing 4 the Future projects are possible. We're excited to have Anderson Park complete with Clear Creek Crossing starting to take shape. We are thrilled that our shared vision for the future of Wheat Ridge is becoming a reality."

In November of 2016, Wheat Ridge voters approved Ballot Initiative 2E, a ½ cent increase in the City's sales tax rate, in order to fund investments to improve infrastructure, create opportunities for economic development, and enable additional "place-making" to attract those wanting to live, work, and do business in Wheat Ridge. [For more on this project](#)

Investing 4 the Future projects that are being funded by the sales tax increase include: installation of I-70 on/off ramps for the **Clear Creek Crossing** mixed-use development; widening of **Wadsworth Blvd.** into an attractive corridor for multi-modal use; and improvements to public infrastructure and amenities to encourage economic development and transit opportunities at the **Wheat Ridge • Ward Station** and recently completed improvements to **Anderson Park..**

Investing 4 the Future Projects:

Improvements to Anderson Park were completed this summer and include a brand new stage/picnic pavilion, new construction for better access to Clear Creek, new playground features, and upgrades to the Anderson building which include renovated locker rooms and the lifeguard office, as well as the addition of two private changing rooms. New ballfield lighting, roof replacements, and sidewalks were also part of the plan, and were designed to help keep the park safe and accessible. A new original piece of art will be installed later this year. [For more project details](#)

At **Wheat Ridge • Ward Station**, 2E funds will help address traffic growth and facilitate redevelopment and economic development opportunities near the new G Line commuter rail station at 52nd Avenue and Ward Road. Planned improvements include reconstruction of the adjacent streets -- Ridge Road, 52nd Avenue and Tabor Street; installing a traffic signal at the Ward Road/Ridge Road intersection, a pedestrian bridge over the rail tracks, pedestrian access improvements and other public amenities, and a linear park. As construction begins on the Hance Ranch and TRAX housing developments, work will also begin on the sidewalks and other infrastructure. [For more information](#) on the Ward Station project

Planned **widening to Wadsworth Boulevard** is also scheduled to begin this fall. The first step is the Environmental Assessment which was open for public review through June 5, 2019. Goals are to improve traffic operations, provide critical pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and help improve the overall look and feel of this major thoroughfare in Wheat Ridge. Plans include reconstruction of the street to a six-lane section with a simple version of a Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) for the intersections of W. 38th and 44th Avenues. [For more on the Wadsworth project](#)

For more details, visit <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/1560/Investing-4-The-Future--Projects-Funded->

About The City of Wheat Ridge

The City of Wheat Ridge, located west of Denver with a population of 31,000 residents, is home to a mix of retail/commercial businesses and unique residential neighborhoods. Wheat Ridge is a vibrant community in a prime location, providing easy access to the Denver metro area and to recreation west into the mountains. The City was recently ranked Top Smallest City by the Economic Development Council of Colorado. Info about Wheat Ridge ci.wheatridge.co.us

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