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Commissioners Support the First Phase of Meridian Road Improvements

Colorado Springs, June 25, 2007 – The Board of County Commissioners today approved a contract between the El Paso County Department of Transportation and URS Corporation to improve Meridian Road North.

The corporation will provide civil and traffic engineering services for Meridian Road between Woodmen and Rex Roads. This first phase of the project costs \$480,050 and will be paid for by the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Agency (PPRTA).

In order to meet Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP) requirements, the improvements to Meridian Road will include, but are not limited to the following: paving, drainage basin, signalization, traffic control, adjacent roadway, and utility improvements within adjacent corridors, lands and easements.

The MTCP indicates that Meridian Road is expected to ultimately be upgraded to a six-lane urban or rural roadway.

As this is only the first phase, the entire project is expected to be completed by 2011.

“We are grateful to the PPRTA for providing the funds necessary to improve our roadways and make them more safe and accessible for our growing community,” said County Commissioner Wayne Williams, who serves as the vice chair of the PPRTA Board of Directors. “Since the PPRTA was established, we have been able to move forward and begin several very important road projects in the county,” he added.