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Two Contracts Awarded for West Colorado Avenue Improvements
\$21.6 Million Approved to Construction on Revitalization of Former “No Man’s Land”

El Paso County, CO, November 15, 2016 – The Board of El Paso County Commissioners today awarded two contracts that set the stage for construction work to begin on a major revitalization project along of 1.5 miles of Colorado Avenue stretching from 31st Street on Colorado Springs Westside through a section of unincorporated El Paso County and continuing into Manitou Springs.

A \$1,965,319 Contract Amendment was awarded to Felsburg Holt & Ullevig for additional services needed to complete project design and provide design support through the anticipated two-year construction period of the West Colorado Avenue Roadway Improvement Project. A \$19,706,566 Construction Contract was awarded to Wildcat Construction Company of Colorado Springs for construction of the expanded and revitalized roadway. The El Paso County Public Works Department Engineering Division will coordinate with Wildcat to establish construction schedules.

“This is a major milestone in a long journey,” said Commissioner Chair Sallie Clark. “After groundbreaking next month construction will begin in January and over the next two years this important transportation corridor will be transformed from a long neglected “No Man’s Land” under multiple jurisdictions to a beautiful, inviting, safe and vibrant economic gateway linking Old Colorado City to Manitou Springs and Ute Pass.”

El Paso County, the Cities of Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority and Colorado Springs Utilities have all provided funding for the Gateway Project. Residents and businesses have been engaged in development of the project design through multiple public meetings over a period of several years. Highlights of the planned improvements include undergrounding of utility lines, new bridge over Fountain Creek, improved drainage and storm water management, widening the roadway to three lanes, pedestrian and bicycle access, the connection of trail segments through the area, improved lighting and a number of traffic safety improvements.