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## News Release

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### **New Third Lane Now Open on E-470 from Southbound Jewell to Quincy Ave** *Increased Road Capacity and Frozen Toll Rates Mark Successful Year for the Authority*

**Aurora, CO:** The E-470 Public Highway Authority has opened the first section of its Road Widening Project, a new third lane on the roadway between southbound Jewell Avenue and Quincy Avenue. This is the first major milestone for the project aimed at widening the eight-mile stretch of E-470 between Quincy Avenue to north of I-70.

Construction for the project began this summer and has made significant progress, including erecting 35 girders to expand the seven bridges spanning this section of the roadway and laying 40,000 tons of asphalt for the new lanes. The new third northbound lane between Jewell and Quincy Avenues is expected to open in 2020, with the remainder of the project completed by December 2020.

“Projects such as this bring added safety and reliability to our customers while continuing our commitment to advancing the best value for users of our roadway,” said E-470 Executive Director Tim Stewart. “By widening E-470, we’re looking ahead to the future to ensure we maintain the level of efficiency our customers expect, even when the number of road users increases.”

E-470's 2014 full investment grade Traffic and Revenue Study indicated the eight-mile section of the road between Quincy Avenue and north of I-70 would need to be widened to maintain the level of service customers have come to expect and value. The project builds upon the work completed in 2017 to widen E-470 between Parker Road and Quincy Avenue.

To provide further value to customers, the E-470 Board of Directors voted this November to freeze ExpressToll rates through 2020 and freeze License Plate Toll (LPT) rates in 2020 at 2019 levels.

**About E-470 Public Highway Authority:** E-470 is the 75-mph toll road running along the eastern perimeter of the Denver metropolitan area. E-470 is a user-financed roadway, receiving no local, state or federal funds for financing, construction, operations or maintenance. E-470 is a political sub-division of the state governed by the E-470 Public Highway Authority Board composed of eight local governments including Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas counties, and the municipalities of Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Parker and Thornton. E-470 also operates ExpressToll, the all-electronic toll collection system available on E-470, Northwest Parkway and Colorado’s Express Lanes.

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