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## E-470 CENTRAL MAINTENANCE FACILITY HONORED AS 2025 PROJECT OF THE YEAR BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION, COLORADO CHAPTER

**Aurora, CO** – E-470 Public Highway Authority is honored to announce that its new Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) has been named the "2025 Project of the Year" by the American Public Works Association (APWA), Colorado Chapter, one of the state's highest honors in public works excellence.

This award recognizes both the outstanding quality of the completed CMF and the teamwork, creativity, and commitment that brought the project from concept to completion. Delivered on time and on budget with minimal disruption to operations, the CMF exemplifies collaboration among E-470, D2C Architects, JHL Constructors, and local jurisdictions. Its innovative, sustainable, and scalable design sets a new benchmark for high-performing public works facilities across the nation.

The CMF was built to replace E-470's former maintenance facility and now serves as the centralized hub supporting operations and maintenance along one of Colorado's busiest transportation corridors - spanning 47 miles, five municipalities, and three counties.

Strategically located directly across from E-470 Headquarters, the CMF enhances coordination, improves communication between field crews and staff, and significantly shortens emergency response times.

"The Central Maintenance Facility is more than just a building - it's a reflection of the partnerships that make E-470 successful," said Chuck Weiss, E-470 Director of Engineering and incoming APWA Colorado Chapter President. "This award underscores what can be accomplished when design, construction, and operations teams work together toward a shared vision of safety, sustainability, and service to our community."

Working closely with the surrounding community, the project team incorporated natural and xeric landscaping along the frontage and multi-use paths, creating an attractive and environmentally sensitive buffer. The 22,500-square-foot timber-framed materials storage barn, designed with a modern agricultural aesthetic, reflects the rural character of the area and complements the local environment.

The fleet maintenance building, featuring multiple service bays and office space, was constructed using materials that harmonize with E-470's headquarters, reinforcing a cohesive, campus-like environment. Design features such as abundant natural light, open sightlines, and modern workspaces enhance both safety and employee well-being.

In addition, the CMF includes a liquid deicer storage and distribution system, fueling center with onsite diesel and unleaded fuel storage, covered equipment storage for snowplows and other heavy machinery, and dedicated storage areas for partners and contractors who provide critical services to E-470.

The facility also demonstrates a strong commitment to sustainability, incorporating EV charging stations, recycled construction materials, infrastructure for future solar panels, and a closed-loop vehicle wash system that recycles water. Together, these features minimize environmental impact while supporting E-470's long-term goals for operational efficiency and environmental stewardship.

The CMF stands as a testament to E-470's dedication to responsible growth, innovation, and community partnership - ensuring that the region's transportation infrastructure continues to serve Coloradans safely, efficiently, and sustainably for years to come.

## About E-470

E-470 is a 47-mile highway that forms the eastern half of a beltway around the Denver metro area. It is a regional roadway that connects to I-25 and C-470 in the south and to I-25 and the Northwest Parkway in the north providing drivers with a safe and reliable 75-mph commute. E-470 is funded primarily through toll revenue, and receives no local, state, or federal funding for operations, maintenance and improvements. The E-470 Public Highway Authority is a political sub-division of the state of Colorado. A Board of Directors govern E-470 and is comprised of eight local governments including Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas counties, as well as the municipalities of Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Parker, and Thornton. Additionally, E-470 operates ExpressToll, the all-electronic toll collection system available on E-470, Northwest Parkway, and CDOT Express Lanes. For more information, visit www.e-470.com.

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