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## Media Advisory

### ***Bridging Your Commute***

### **Broncos Parkway Bridge opens new route for south metro commuters**

South metro commuters will have an alternative to using the Parker and Arapahoe Road intersection when the new Broncos Parkway Bridge in Centennial opens to traffic on Wednesday.

Arapahoe County, Parker Jordan Metropolitan District, Dove Valley Metropolitan District and the City of Centennial will celebrate the opening of Broncos Parkway Bridge with an inaugural drive-by dedication that celebrates the future of transportation and honors the pioneers who traveled the old Cherokee Trail.

**When:** 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2004

**Where:** Broncos Parkway Bridge and Jordan Road  
(Between Arapahoe Road and E-470, just east of Jordan Road)

**What:** In the spirit of the Old West and Colorado today, the inaugural bridge crossing will feature Timber and Jack, an oxen team pulling a wagon in honor of the pioneers who came to Colorado along the Cherokee Trail. In celebration of the future, a Toyota Prius, a popular hybrid vehicle on loan from John Elway Toyota, will be the first car to cross the 680-foot bridge, which offers another east/west route parallel to Arapahoe Road between Parker Road and Peoria Street.

**Who:** Arapahoe County, Parker Jordan Metropolitan District, Dove Valley Metropolitan District and the City of Centennial joined together to share the cost of the \$5.1 million project, each picking up 25 percent with Parker Jordan Metropolitan District contributing an additional \$292,000 for landscaping of the bridge median between Jordan and Parker roads.

Arapahoe County was the design and construction lead agency with Hedrick and Associates, LLC as the design engineer. Valerian, LLC was the landscape architect and Edward Kraemer and Sons, Inc. was the contractor.

Construction of Broncos Parkway Bridge, which spans the Cherry Creek, began in June 2003 and will open Wednesday on schedule and approximately \$30,000 under budget. An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 vehicles a day are expected to use the bridge with a projected 20,000 to 25,000 vehicles per day in future years.

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**Media Note:** Broncos Parkway Bridge will open to traffic after the ceremony or approximately noon on Wednesday.

