Additional Soil Sampling Results Shared with the CDPHE

September 19, 2019 –(Arvada, CO) In preparation for construction of the future Jefferson Parkway field tests to establish baseline soil conditions in the Jefferson Parkway right of way have been ongoing since May. Nearly 250 soil samples have been collected for analysis, with final results expected before the end of the year.

Last month the Jefferson Parkway notified the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) of one single anomalous sample result in excess of the 50 picocuries/g (pCi/g). This is the actionable level established by CDPHE in 2006. A second test from the same soil sample had results consistent with all other test results well below the action level and are consistent with both past and recently completed results in along the eastern edge of the Rocky Flats Wildlife Refuge.

Following the single anomalous test with elevated plutonium levels, the Jefferson Parkway initiated 25 supplemental soils to be analyzed in a grid in the immediate vicinity of the anomalous result in question. The Jefferson Parkway has reported to the CDPHE those 25 sample results were all at 2.25 pCi/g or less, well below the action level of 50 picocuries/g (pCi/g) and consistent with all previous soils sampling that have been taken in the same area of the Rocky Mountain Wildlife Refuge.

The JPPHA continues to work closely with the CDPHE. The remaining testing results of the original 250 samples is expected to be completed and reported to the State before the end of the year.

The Jefferson Parkway is a privately-funded, publicly-owned regional toll road that has been planned for decades and is scheduled to begin construction in 2020, improving regional connectivity and providing choice and convenience to residents, commuters and travelers in greater metro Denver and northern Colorado. The roadway will provide enhanced regional mobility, taking traffic off of local roads while generating economic vitality for local communities. Grounded in a long-term vision, the Parkway is an opportunity to bring significant new transportation infrastructure to the region at no cost to taxpayers.

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