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## **CHERRY CREEK TRAIL COMPLETED**

**DENVER, CO — September 25, 2009 —** After five years of design, planning and construction, the section of Cherry Creek Trail between Holly Street and Oneida Street will open officially on **Saturday, October 10, 2009** with a celebration that includes Mayor Hickenlooper, Denver Parks and Recreation Manager Kevin Patterson, The Greenway Foundation President Jeff Shoemaker and many others. The celebration will take place at **9 a.m.** on the Cherry Creek Trail on the South Side of Holly Street Bridge at Cherry Creek Drive South.

This 1.25-mile section of Cherry Creek Trail will run from the pedestrian bridge at Place Middle School, along the south side of Cherry Creek, under Monaco Parkway and continue along the southern edge of the Creek. Here, it will pass under the new Holly Street bridge connecting to existing Cherry Creek trail. The completed project eliminates six hazardous street-level crossings. The \$1.6 million project was funded by the City & County of Denver, the Better Denver Bond Program, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, Great Outdoors Colorado and The Greenway Foundation.

“This exciting project is long awaited and much anticipated” said Jeff Shoemaker, Executive Director of The Greenway Foundation. “These much needed improvements will allow trail enthusiasts and user groups of all ages a much safer and more enjoyable experience as they traverse along this invaluable urban amenity.”

Commuters, recreational users and children traveling to school (three schools-McMeen Elementary School, Rocky Mountain School for expeditionary Learning and Place Bridge Academy are close to the trail) will benefit from this new addition.

The new trail was primarily funded by a \$725,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado and the Better Denver Bond Program, with additional support and funding by the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District and The Greenway Foundation.

“We continue to see the benefits of partnering with like-minded agencies to accomplish more for our system, and ultimately, the citizens of Denver,” said Kevin Patterson, Manager of Denver Parks and Recreation. “By working cooperatively with Urban Drainage, GOCO and The Greenway Foundation, we are able to provide this amazing new trail to the City.”

Better Denver, the City of Denver’s \$550 million voter-approved bond program, works to improve, preserve, renovate and create amenities that touch citizen’s lives - including roads, libraries, parks, recreation centers, child care sites, hospitals, public safety, City buildings and cultural facilities.

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