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### Denver Public Works Starts Streetscape Improvements on Tennyson Street

**DENVER, CO — Friday, May 20, 2011** — As part of the Better Denver Bond Program approved by voters in 2007, Denver Public Works will begin making improvements on Tennyson Street between 38th and 44th Avenues the week of May 23rd.

The improvements between 38th and 44th Avenues on Tennyson Street will enhance the mobility needs of pedestrians, bicycles and motorists. The project excludes Cesar Chavez Park and 39th and 41st Avenues, which have already received improvements. Once the project is complete, the area will be transformed with one consistent look throughout the corridor.

The improvements will be constructed two blocks at a time, with roadway reconstruction work starting at 38th Avenue. Construction will take place Monday through Friday from 7 A.M. to 5 P.M. There will be intermittent lane closures and detours based on location and the work schedule. Parking along the construction route will not be permitted for the duration of the project.

The \$2.9 million streetscape and street reconstruction project is scheduled for completion by late 2011 and includes the following improvements:

- Corner bulb-outs that limit the distance pedestrians must walk to cross the street
- Widening of sidewalks to ten feet
- Street and pedestrian lighting
- Removal of abandoned trolley tracks
- Replacement of existing asphalt with concrete roadway
- Upgrades to existing curb and gutter
- Installation of a new traffic signal at 44th Avenue and Tennyson
- Construction of an underground storm drainage system to collect surface stormwater runoff
- Area enhancements:
  - 51 street trees
  - 21 benches made of recycled materials
  - 16 bike racks
  - 13 trash and recycling bins

The project's contractor, Concrete Works of Colorado, will end construction work early on the first Friday of each month to provide access to the Tennyson Street First Friday Art Walk.

*The City & County of Denver's Better Denver Bond Program works to preserve, renovate and create amenities that touch resident's lives – including roads, libraries, parks, recreation centers, child care sites, hospitals, human service, city buildings and cultural facilities. Approved by voters in 2007, the bond program generates millions of dollars into the economy, preserves and creates jobs and makes Denver a more attractive place to live, work, and invest in the future. For more information about the Better Denver Bond Program, visit [www.denvergov.org/betterdenver](http://www.denvergov.org/betterdenver).*

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