

the county in this capacity,” said Brackin.

The next day, the opening of Brackin’s last project was celebrated. It came in \$170,000 under budget. The county held a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by 80 people to celebrate the completion of construction for the five-year West Baptist Road expansion project that widened Baptist from I-25 to Forest Lakes Drive and built a bridge over the railroad tracks, greatly improving the safety of everyone living west of the previous dangerous at-grade crossing. Jennifer Irvine, engineering manager for the county’s Public Services Department and chair of the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Transportation Advisory Committee, was master of ceremony.


This last BBRTA project was funded by:

- \$11.4 million – PPRTA
- \$750,000 – BBRTA



Above: This photo shows the new bridge over the railroad tracks west of the replaced Baptist Road at-grade crossing, and the new Monument Creek floodplain improvements surrounding the bridge. This bridge will enhance the safety of the current homes to the west as well as the hundreds of Forest Lakes homes to the northwest that will be constructed along Forest Lakes Drive in the near future. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*






- \$1 million – Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant
- Roundabout at the intersection of Baptist/Old Denver/Woodcarver roads
- Some details of the key project elements were:
- Expansion of the adjacent Santa Fe Trailhead
- Three-span 438-foot concrete girder bridge over the existing railroad tracks
- Extensive utility relocations and drainage improvements



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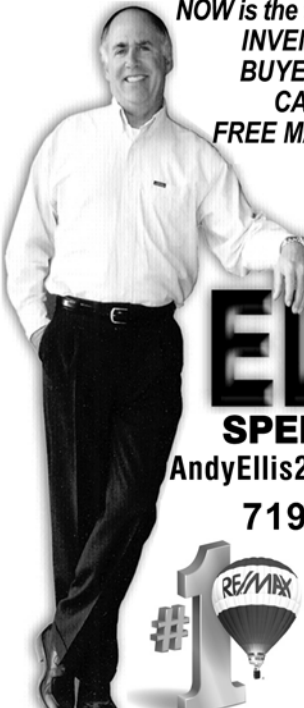
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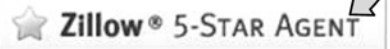


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