

# CENTENNIAL CONNECTION

## Summer 2025

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Centennial Center Park



### MEET THE MAYOR

Centennial Mayor Stephanie Piko is available to meet virtually and in-person with residents and business owners.

Schedule a time to meet at your convenience by visiting [centennialco.gov/meetthemayor](https://centennialco.gov/meetthemayor).



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## U.S. NEWS REPORTS WE ARE #1!



**Centennial has been named the #1 Best Place to Live in Colorado by U.S. News & World Report in its 2025–2026 rankings!**

With a strong score across quality of life, job market, and community appeal, it's no surprise we made the top of the list. We're proud to be a City where people of all ages can thrive—thanks to our amazing residents, businesses and partners!

Scan here to see the full list:







# Safe Streets & Stronger Neighborhoods

## Public Works in Action



## Public Works Earns APWA Accreditation for Third Time

The Centennial Public Works Department recently received full accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the third time. This accreditation formally verifies and recognizes the agency is in full compliance with the recommended management practices set forth in APWA's Public Works Management Practices Manual.

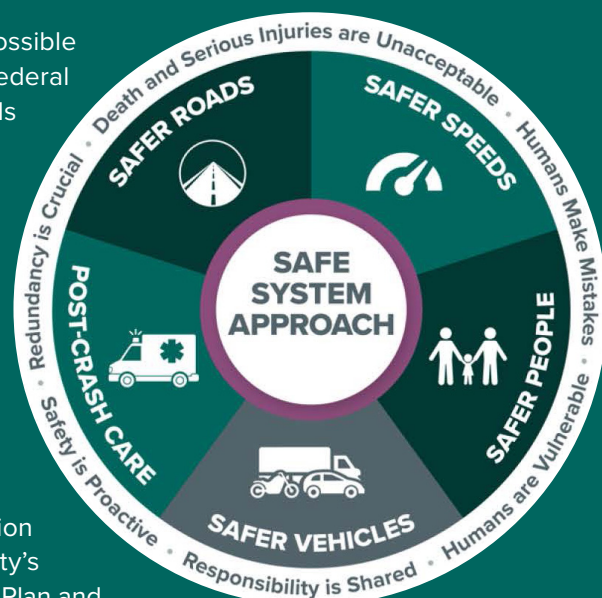
Centennial Public Works has proudly held this accreditation since 2016, joining a select group of just six agencies in Colorado.

## Safety Action Plan

Everyone should feel safe on our streets, regardless of age or ability or how they get around. With this goal in mind, the City has developed and adopted a Safety Action Plan (SAP) to improve transportation safety for all users whether walking, biking, using a mobility device, taking transit or driving.

The plan was made possible through a \$220,000 federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant, with an additional \$55,000 contributed by the City. The Safety Action Plan reflects in-depth community engagement, data analysis and collaboration with transportation safety experts. The Centennial Safety Action Plan aligns with the City's Transportation Master Plan and other City standards and programs. **It has a "Vision Zero" approach with the goal of eliminating traffic-related fatalities by 2040 and serious injuries by 2045.** It provides a framework for prioritizing projects, guiding investments and creating safer, more accessible streets for everyone.

To read more about the SAP approach, traffic data, and implementation tactics, visit [centennialco.gov/safetyactionplan](https://centennialco.gov/safetyactionplan).



Before



After

## Creating Safer Neighborhood Streets

The City of Centennial's Traffic Services team regularly hears from residents concerned about speeding and safety on neighborhood collector roads—those key routes that connect smaller residential streets to major arterials.

Many of these roads were built decades ago with wide lanes and limited markings, which can lead to higher vehicle speeds and a less comfortable environment for walking or biking.

To address these concerns, the City began implementing changes in 2022 aimed at calming traffic and improving safety. These updates include:

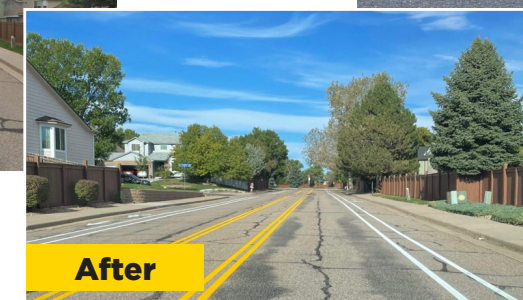
- **Pavement striping** to visually narrow the roadway and better define vehicle lanes
- **Shorter pedestrian crossings** to improve safety for people walking
- **Enhanced crosswalks** with push-button-activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) for better driver awareness of pedestrians actually present and crossing

In 2024, these design improvements were complemented by increased enforcement. The City of Centennial funded two new traffic patrol positions, and the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office received a \$265,000 federal grant through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to support traffic enforcement in Centennial. The result:

- **12.3% reduction in traffic crashes** – from 1,169 in 2023 to 1,025 in 2024
- **40% increase in traffic citations and warnings**, helping curb unsafe driving behavior



Before



After

These combined efforts—roadway design improvements and targeted enforcement—are making a real difference. As our recent speed data shows, drivers are slowing down on key streets throughout the City, helping to create safer, more livable neighborhoods for everyone.

Here's a snapshot of the results:

Street Segment	Average Speed Reduction
Crestline Cir (Prentice to Himalaya)	8.1 mph
Adams (Monroe to Dry Creek)	5.9 mph
Easter (E of Homestead)	5.8 mph
Telluride (Dorado to Orchard)	5.8 mph
Telluride (Smoky Hill to Crestline)	4.8 mph
Easter (W of Homestead)	4.5 mph
Telluride (Crestline to Dorado)	4.1 mph
Otero (University to Monroe)	2.8 mph
Monroe (W of Holly)	1.7 mph
Prentice (Biscay to Crestline)	1.7 mph





Public Works powered by City Street Fund

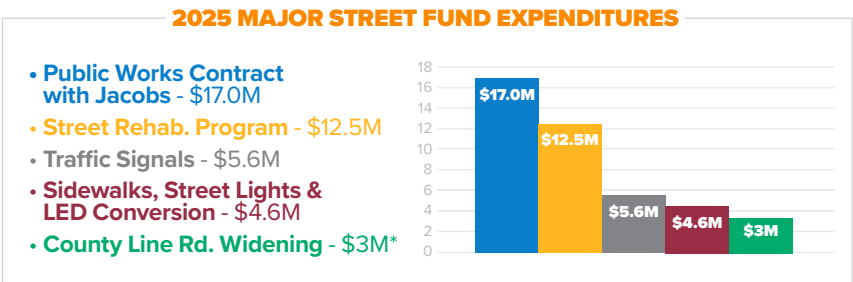
THE STREET FUND

Centennial’s Street Fund was established by City Council to enhance transparency in street and transportation related expenses. The Street Fund makes up approximately 36.1% of the total City budget and is used for both operational expenses (i.e. snow plowing, roadway and bridge repair and maintenance, and street light utilities) and street and transportation capital projects (i.e. road widenings, sidewalk construction, traffic signals). These street-related expenses represent a significant portion of the City’s total budget.

The Street Fund is supported by dedicated transportation revenues, grants, partner funding, and

transfers from the General Fund. Through long-term planning and responsible budgeting, the City is able to complete street operations, maintenance, and major capital projects while maintaining financial stability.

The City strives for fiscal responsibility by actively seeking grants to support projects in the Street Fund. We are delighted to be the recipient of multiple grants from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and agency partners to assist in funding projects identified in the City’s 2030 Transportation Master Plan. These grants total upwards of \$33 million for projects to be completed over the next several years.



\* County Line Rd. Widening is a Douglas County led project which the City is a funding partner. Disclaimer: Please note all project costs and timelines are estimates and could change.

Summer Construction

Warmer weather means the City’s Street Maintenance team is out making repairs and improvements to keep our streets safe and smooth for everyone.

Mill and overlay work began at the end of May on three major roads, with construction anticipated to be complete in July.

- **Holly St.** between Maplewood Ave. and Dry Creek Rd.
- **Quebec St.** between Caley Ave. and Euclid Ave.
- **County Line Rd.** – Joint work with the City of Lone Tree and Douglas County
  - Westbound between Chester St. and Quebec St.
  - Eastbound between Quebec St. and Yosemite St.

Work is generally scheduled Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Crews may start earlier at major intersections to avoid rush hour delays and ensure safety.

Uniformed traffic control officers and flaggers will be in place to direct traffic within the work areas. Every effort will be made to maintain access points during construction. However, there will be times when access is temporarily restricted, and alternate routes are needed.

Construction is also underway on neighborhood streets throughout the City. To see scheduled maintenance, visit [centennialco.gov/streetrehabmap](http://centennialco.gov/streetrehabmap).

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to keep our roads in excellent shape.

For more details, call 303-325-8000 or visit [centennialco.gov/publicworks](http://centennialco.gov/publicworks).



Traffic Management

Centennial’s newly expanded Traffic Management Center (TMC) monitors traffic signals across the City in real time. With approximately 65 CCTV cameras connected through Centennial’s FiberWorks network, TMC operations monitor traffic flow, spot patterns, and identify ways to enhance efficiency. This state-of-the-art center also works closely with partner agencies to keep traffic moving safely and efficiently.

Learn more at [centennialco.gov/tmc](http://centennialco.gov/tmc).



COUNTY LINE ROAD WIDENING

Douglas County is leading a major road improvement project on the west side of Centennial. The County Line Rd. Widening and Reconstruction Project will bring several upgrades from University Blvd. to Broadway.



IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- A new traffic signal at the Clarkson St. / County Line Rd. intersection
- Addition of sidewalks to improve pedestrian access and safety
- Mill and overlay between Phillips Ave. and Broadway (within the City of Littleton)
- These improvements will help enhance traffic flow and safety in this area.



Zipper Merging Works

Know how to zip? When two lanes are present that merge together into one, the merge point is intended to be at the top of the two lanes in a zipper fashion.

Zipper merges keep traffic flowing. Each car should alternate zipper fashion into the remaining open lane just before the point of closure. When there is a merge or a construction lane closure ahead, drivers should continue to drive in both lanes equally. Just before the lane ends, cars should take turns filling in the open lane carefully and resume at full speed, not beforehand or mid-distance.

In a zipper merge, also known as a late merge, please be respectful of those who wait to merge until just before the lane ends; they are doing it correctly.



Dumpster, Storage Pods, and Landscaping Storage on Street

Moving? Having construction work completed at your residence? A Right-of-Way (ROW) permit is required for any storage pods, dumpsters or landscaping material stored on City streets.

The purpose of a ROW permit is to ensure the placement or storage of large loads do not damage the roadway. Additionally, the City can coordinate planned street rehab work with residents and / or contractors to limit relocating items stored within the street, when required.

Learn more and apply at [centennialco.gov/publicworks](http://centennialco.gov/publicworks).





# 19TH ANNUAL STATE OF OUR CITY

In early May, Mayor Stephanie Piko presented the 19th Annual State of Our City event reflecting on Centennial's progress and charting a path towards a bold, future-ready community. With the theme “Centennial's Ready! Prepare. Innovate. Succeed.”, this year's speech highlighted the City's commitment to innovation, connection, and growth. Watch the video highlights and full presentation at [centennialco.gov/stateofcity](https://centennialco.gov/stateofcity)!



## Rules of the Road: Traffic Signals



### FLASHING YELLOW ARROW (FYA) DISPLAYS FOR TURNING VEHICLES

In 2023, the City began installing flashing yellow arrow (FYA) displays for left and right turns at intersections throughout Centennial. This phased rollout is part of an ongoing effort to improve traffic flow and safety. Flashing yellow arrows are already familiar to many drivers for left turns, but they are now being used for right turns as well. These signals help manage traffic more effectively – especially during busy times of day or when pedestrians are present.

### WHY FLASHING YELLOW ARROWS?

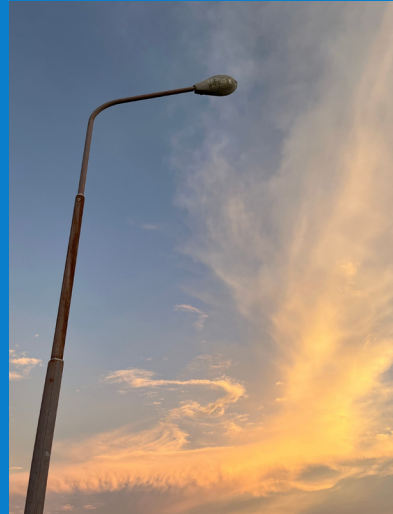
- They allow drivers to make turns with caution, yielding to pedestrians and oncoming traffic.
- They provide flexibility by adjusting turn permissions based on traffic volumes and pedestrian activity.
- In high-traffic or high-risk situations, a red arrow may appear to stop turning traffic completely—such as when a pedestrian activates a “Walk” signal.

### WHAT THE ARROWS MEAN

Just like round traffic indicators, arrow indicators follow these rules:

- **Green Arrow:** Proceed with caution.
- **Flashing Yellow Arrow:** Yield to any conflicting traffic before turning.
- **Steady Yellow Arrow:** Prepare to stop.
- **Red Arrow:** Stop—turns are not allowed.

Remember, yielding may mean slowing down or stopping to allow others to safely pass. To read more on Traffic Controls and Signals, download the 2025 Colorado Driver Handbook.



## Street Lights

In December 2024, Centennial acquired all Xcel Energy-powered streetlights located in the City – most of which are west of Parker Rd. The City is now responsible for their operation and ongoing maintenance. As part of the initial transition, the City is inspecting and completing maintenance as the first step in establishing Centennial's Streetlight program.

Currently, these efforts are focused on emergency repairs and critical outages as the City prepares to convert all acquired streetlights from traditional lighting to energy-efficient LEDs. The LED conversion is scheduled to begin in a few months, with an estimated completion of Fall 2026.

Streetlight ownership provides the City greater control over maintenance response times and future planning to better serve residents.

Once complete, the LED retrofit will improve energy efficiency, reduce operating costs and enable real-time outage detection through smart controller technology.

CORE Electric Cooperative still owns and manages the streetlights on the east side of Centennial.

Our Citizen Response Center is available 24/7 at 303.325.8000, along with the My Centennial App, to report problems across Centennial.

# Public Works Celebrates with Touch-A-Truck Event



Last month we recognized National Public Works Week. From road repairs to park maintenance, the City's Public Works team delivers critical City services and programs that make Centennial a great place to live and work, both day and night.

As part of the celebration, Centennial Public Works partnered with Arapahoe Libraries and the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) to host Touch-A-Truck, where kids and kids at heart, climbed and explored big and interesting trucks that help our City run smoothly.



## Improvements Coming to Arapahoe Rd. and Clarkson St.

Public Works is installing a new traffic signal that includes pedestrian signals, pavement marking modifications, lighting and striped crosswalks at Arapahoe Rd. and Clarkson St.

Clarkson St. runs the entire length of Centennial from north to south with traffic signals at all major arterial roadways except at Arapahoe Rd. Currently, the nearest signalized crossings on Arapahoe Rd. are to the west at Broadway or to the east at Franklin St. Upon completion, the new traffic signal at Clarkson St. will make it easier and safer for residents to travel north to south. Bicyclists will also be able to connect to the High Line Canal Trail north of Arapahoe Rd. as well as a route to the C-470 trail connection just south of County Line Rd.

For more information visit [centennialco.gov/arapahoecarlsonsignal](https://centennialco.gov/arapahoecarlsonsignal)



### New Traffic Signals

Throughout the City, span wire traffic signals are being converted to mast arm traffic signals. Mast arms are sturdier and more visible, and will replace suspended cables. The new equipment is current state-of-practice and has improved accessibility and safety features.

## PROTECT YOUR FURRY FAMILY

Centennial partners with the Humane Society of the Pike's Peak Region to provide animal services and to help protect and preserve the public health and safety of domestic animals.

Furry family in the City – specifically dogs and cats – require licensing and must wear a readable tag or have a microchip implanted while outside or not in the owner's home. This allows Animal Services to quickly identify a missing pet's home quickly and easily!

Visit [centennialco.gov/animalservices](https://centennialco.gov/animalservices) to learn about pet ownership in Centennial.







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## Denver National Women's Soccer League Breaks Ground!

The Denver National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) officially broke ground on June 9 on its state-of-the-art women's professional soccer training facility in Centennial.

In partnership with the Cherry Creek School District, this new facility will feature a 12,000-seat temporary stadium and a 20,000-square-foot training facility purpose-built for professional women's sports to include soccer fields, elite training and recovery spaces, and more.

Located on the southeast corner of S. Potomac St. and E. Fremont Ave., NWSL will use this facility beginning next season, until their permanent facility is constructed in Denver.

Learn more at [centennialco.gov/sportscomplex](http://centennialco.gov/sportscomplex).

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