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NEW MULTI-PURPOSE DENVER POLICE SITE UNVEILED *The two major structures serving the Denver Police Department mark the completion of the first Better Denver “Bond Built” Buildings*

DENVER, CO — June 28, 2010 — City of Denver officials today celebrated the completion of the first major Better Denver “Bond Built” structures creating a new, multi-purpose Police site on Park Avenue which will enhance public safety and police services. The site is home to two structures: the first is new construction consisting of a training facility with a state of the art police firing range and associated offices, as well as a new parking garage to serve Traffic Operations. The second structure is a remodel of an old warehouse to serve both the police traffic operations and traffic investigations bureaus, bringing them into one building. The site is centrally located near downtown and major highways enabling fast response from officers as needed. Both buildings were funded by the Better Denver Bond Program.

“The Better Denver Bond Program has accelerated delivery of voter approved projects like the Police Site buildings. This project marks the successful completion of one of our first major new structures and big renovations,” said Don Hunt, Bond Program Implementation Manager. **“2010 is the Program’s busiest time in terms of the number of projects in construction. We are accelerating projects, helping to put thousands of people to work, pumping millions of dollars into our economy, and improving the quality of life in our City.”**

The new 9,770 square feet police training facility will allow hands-on training in life-like surroundings, enabling officers to improve their skills to better protect the public. The training firing range has a large space where vehicles can be brought into the range as part of the training scenarios, and a greater number of officers can train at once. The facility is a tactical range allowing for training up to 75 yards in distance and 180 degree capabilities. The firing range also features a separate simulator room to prepare officers for specialized situations. The facility also holds 12 workstations, bulk storage and locker rooms.

The new parking garage will accommodate motorcycles for Police Traffic Operations officers, 35 lockers for officers, 10 squad cars parking bays, and four police evidence cages utilized by the Traffic Investigations Bureau.

“With the help of JACOBS Engineering, Civil Technology, Haselden Construction, Humphries Poli Architects, and the Better Bond Team, the City of Denver was able to construct sustainable and modern facilities for the Police Department,” said Manager of Public Works and Deputy Mayor Guillermo “Bill” Vidal. **“This collaboration will enhance public safety for all.”**

The second structure on the site is the Police Traffic Operations and Traffic Investigations Bureau building. The 22,020 square foot remodeled structure occupies 88 workstations, locker rooms, roll call room, and fitness center. The DUI Unit, Accident Unit, City Enforcement Unit, Photo Radar Unit, Highway Unit, Neighborhood Enforcement Unit and a Special Events Unit will all be located in this facility.

“By having Traffic Investigations and Traffic Operations under one roof, it will improve communication between the two bureaus and establish a more centralized delivery of services to the public. The new location of our Firearms Bureau provides a versatile space that creates an opportunity for more in-depth training scenarios for our officers,” said Denver Police Chief Gerry Whitman.

The \$12.3 million project budget has allowed for facilities encompassing nearly 50,000 square feet of new and remodeled spaces. The facilities were designed and constructed with the goal of achieving a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver rating from the US Green Building Council (USGBC). The environmental certifications are currently pending.

Better Denver Bond Program Summary:

The City & County of Denver’s Better Denver Bond Program works to preserve, renovate and create amenities that touch citizen’s lives – including roads, libraries, parks, recreation centers, child care sites, hospitals, city buildings, and cultural facilities. Approved by voters in 2007 and led by Mayor John Hickenlooper and civic leaders throughout the City, the bond program pumps millions of dollars into the economy, helps to preserve and create jobs and is making 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.

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