

Another Reason to Oppose the Beltway

The proposed toll road, *Jefferson Parkway* has the word, "parkway" in its' name. A parkway doesn't exactly come to mind when the reality it is, this private toll road is built next to toxic Rocky Flats.

The proposed toll road will disturb soil containing plutonium particles at Rocky Flats. Construction will disturb these toxic particles, and the wind distributes the plutonium in all directions. A housing development is planned on the southern edge of Rocky Flats. People who may someday live in this area are at risk, and people throughout the metro area should be concerned. Arvada is scared that if the truth came out, land and home values would tumble.

A letter was recently given to Senator Michael Bennet raising these points. A paper has been written by LeRoy Moore, PhD, addressing the dangers of opening Rocky Flats to public access (see attached).

Unfortunately, Bennet has chosen not to act on the information in the letter. When the Wildlife Refuge was established, Mark Udall was part of a compromise to downplay the dangers, pandering to Arvada's development interests. There is an underground plumbing system that contains un-told amounts of toxins (see attached). If one drives by Rocky Flats today, notice the lack of plutonium contamination warning signs. Only a frail fence surrounds the area, and this is by design. Arvada lobbied hard to make it so. The Department of the Interior has denied requests for independent testing. The fact is, Rocky Flats is poison and our government is covering up the danger in the interest of development and profit. No one should live or work near this area, and there should never be development on or near Rocky Flats. The desire to build this toll road and surrounding development is not only bad public policy, it borders on immoral.

From a transportation perspective, the proposal to build the toll road includes slowing traffic on Indiana to 30 mph to purposely create congestion, and force traffic to use the toll road. If you live in west Jeffco, a private toll will result in more congestion on public roads. Boulder has joined Golden by advocating for a more reasonable transportation solution including improve existing roads SH93 and Indiana. Studies over the past 20 years and a vote by the people compel elected officials to pursue this course. But, this approach isn't consistent with development aspirations in Arvada and Broomfield. The proposed toll road is the second biggest scam ever perpetuated on Denver, second only to the notion that Rocky Flats is "safe."

A critical vote comes up in January with Denver Regional Council of Governments that will in-part, determine the toll road's fate.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **MOST IMPOTANT - Contacting your Denver Regional Council of Government representative and voice your opinion – see list of representatives below.**
- Read these recent stories in the Denver Post - www.denverpost.com/ci_13613504 - www.inside-lane.com/2009/10/22/beltway-battle-golden-boulder-want-175-million-for-co-93-us-6-toll-road-backers-want-204-for-jefferson-parkway/
- Read and add you comments to the Denver Post's blog - <http://neighbors.denverpost.com/viewtopic.php?p=1101617#p1101617>

- Web Sites www.GoTheBetterWay.org www.ReallyBadDeal.org
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